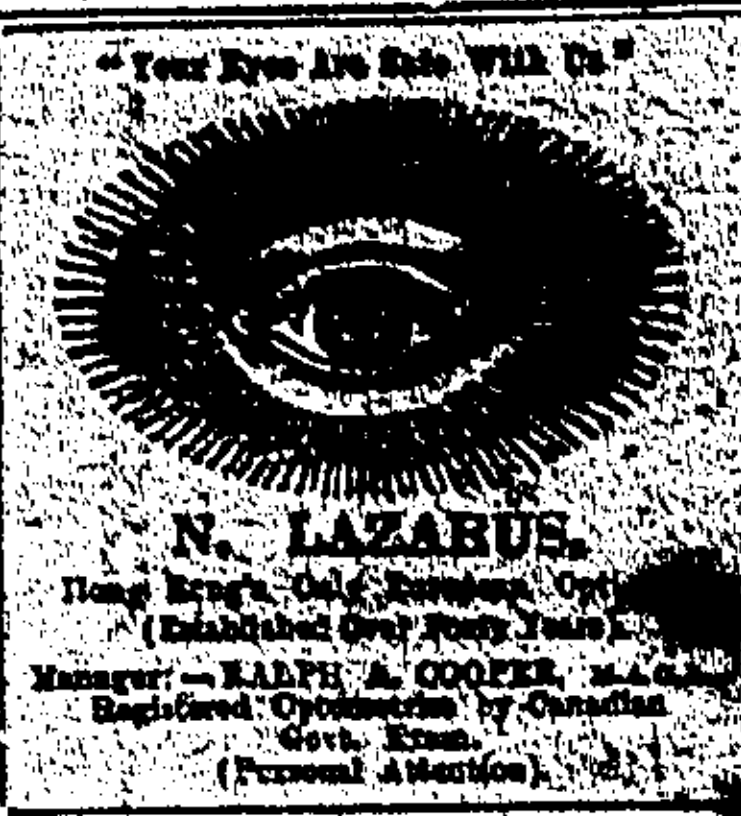


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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yau Ma Tei ...Dep.	6.45	8.10	9.15	10.05	12.05	1.20	2.20	4.40	5.50
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	1.26	2.26	4.46	5.56
Tai Po ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	1.40	2.40	4.50	6.00
Tai Po Market Dep.	7.20	8.45	9.50	10.40	12.40	1.45	2.45	4.55	6.05
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	1.55	2.55	5.05	6.15
Shing Mun ...Dep.	7.45	9.10	10.15	11.05	1.10	2.10	3.10	5.20	6.30
Shing Mun ...Arr.	7.51	9.16	10.21	11.11	1.16	2.16	3.16	5.26	6.36
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	6.58							

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The numbers of the very rich are not increasing. In the year 1923, indeed, there were 140 men with £100,000 a year, and their total income was £28,173,000.

It is shown that the total national income, also, is not increasing. The figures for the last five years are: 1923, £23,018,601,063; 1924, £22,912,620,737; 1925, £22,970,451,275; 1926, £23,944,448,780; 1927 (Budget estimate), £24,003,000,000.

How the rich pay is also shown in the Blue-book. A £150,000-a-year man has to spend nearly half his income—£a. 7d. in the £—on income and super tax. Super-tax payers as a whole—all those receiving more than £2,000 a year—contribute £26,000,000 a year to the State, and the death duties amount to 40 per cent. in the case of a £2,000,000 estate.

Figures showing the numbers of those in the five higher ranks of super-taxpayers are as follows:

Income.	Numbers.
£30,000-£40,000	522
£40,000-£50,000	300
£50,000-£75,000	306
£75,000-£100,000	116
£100,000 and over	138

These figures have been almost constant for the last four years. The number of £100,000-a-year incomes was 138 in 1923, 132 in 1924, 140 in 1925, and 138 in 1926.

What the super-taxpayers have contributed to the State in the last four years is shown below:

Year	Total
1924	£21,746,783
1925	£22,932,312
1926	£27,332,452
1927	£26,293,511

Ten millionaires, three of whom left more than £2,000,000 each, died in the last financial year, and £6,018,478 duty was paid on their estates.

At the other end of the scale 1,238 people died in England owing more than they owned. Their debts were £3,511,011, and their property was worth £2,438,910.

Out of 110,578 estates that became liable to estate duty in 1926-27 the largest class consists of those who left between £100 and £1,000. These numbered 27,108. There were 97,026 who left between £1,000 and £5,000.

Altogether out of the total of 110,578 estates only 13,172 were worth more than £5,000.

ARMED BOY MOTORIST.

CAR ADVENTURES OF A LAD FROM VANCOUVER.

William Jeffrey Brailford Elkington, a 19-year-old public schoolboy, who was arrested at Christchurch, Hampshire, after a chase by the police and a witness, was remanded at Marlborough Police Court. Elkington was described as of Cheltenham-road, Bournemouth. He was accused of stealing a motor-car value £240 from Chilton Court, Maida Vale, belonging to Vera H. Abrahams.

He was further accused of having in his possession at Christchurch a five-chambered revolver and three cartridges without a fire-arms certificate.

Detective-sergt. Bowton said that Elkington first toured round London in the car and then drove to the bungalow of his uncle, Dr. Blunt, at Colchester. The loaded revolver had been taken from his uncle's garage. In an effort to escape he drove into a cul-de-sac and then abandoned the car. He was caught. In the car was found the loaded revolver.

"These are extraordinary proceedings," said the magistrate. (Continued at foot of next column.)

COLLISION IN MID-AIR.

R.A.F. OFFICER KILLED.

PARACHUTE MANOEUVRES.

TRAGEDY OF AERIAL MANOEUVRES.

FOLKESTONE, Feb. 17th.

A collision during manoeuvres in mid-air, at Folkestone, this afternoon, between two single-seater Glöbe machines of the 25th Squadron, Royal Air Force, stationed at Hawking, resulted in the death of one pilot and the narrow escape of another.

The collision occurred at a height of about 800 feet, and both aeroplanes crashed to earth out of control. One caught fire and was burnt to a cinder, the other was badly smashed.

Pilot Officer Eric James Watson received terrible injuries from which he died in less than an hour. The other pilot, Flying Officer Leonard A. Walsh, escaped uninjured. He jumped from his machine and was carried some distance away by his parachute.

Pilot Officer Watson also jumped clear of his plane, but evidently he jumped too late for the parachute to become effective.

Horrid Spectators.

People in the town had been watching the manoeuvring planes and were horrified when they saw the collision. The machines crashed some distance apart in a meadow close to the main Folkestone-Dover road.

Many persons immediately ran to the scene and no trace of the wreckage of either of the machines, while the other plane was burning fiercely and was unapproachable. Lying just clear of the roaring mass, however, was Pilot Officer Watson.

His parachute was wrapped round him. The rescuers made an improvised stretcher with a piece of the wreckage, and carried the dying man to the roadside, where he was placed in an ambulance and taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone. He died almost immediately after being admitted.

The exact cause of the collision is unknown. The machines were carrying out aerial evolutions as usual, when apparently the wings of one fouled the wings of the other. At once the machines became unmanageable and nose-dived to the ground. It was all over in a moment.

Flying Officer Walsh was carried over a mile from the scene of the cliffs into the sea.

Caught in Wires.

Mr. T. Sayer, who lives close to the field in which the machines crashed, said: "I heard a crash, and on looking up I saw the two machines close together. They then nose-dived, and from one of the machines I saw the pilot jump out. His parachute opened almost at once, and he was carried over me, and I thought he was going out into the sea. Then I saw that the telegraph wires which run along the side of the road had caught his parachute, and stopped him going over the cliffs."

"The other officer did not jump until too late and his parachute did not open. His machine fell and burst into flames. Bullets appeared to be exploding in the fire."

A workman said that he saw the first officer jump, but that the other did not do so until the machine was about 100 ft. from the ground, and then it was too late. "I do not think he jumped," he said, "until his machine had burst into flames."

The 25th Squadron has been singularly free from accidents, the last one happening over a year ago. This is the sixth death as a result of R.A.F. crashes to be reported this year. The R.A.F. death-roll in 1927 was 45, and in 1928 it was 53.

"Can you tell me anything about him?"

The officer replied that on January 3rd Elkington was discharged under the Probation of Offenders Act at the West London Court, for stealing another car. He was then charged with a young woman and another man.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

TO-DAY.

Annual Inspection by H.E. the Governor of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade at 5.15 p.m.
Address to V.D.A. 6.30 p.m. at Cathedral Hall, by Miss Heavick.
R.K. Electric Co. Ltd. 56th Ordinary yearly meeting P. and O. Building at 12 noon; Extraordinary General Meeting at 12.10 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "My Best Girl."
World Theatre: "The Under-standing Heart."
Star Theatre: "The Sap."
Principal Mails: Inward: Europe and Suez (Nagpore), letters and papers, dated Feb. 16th. Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kashmir), 10.30 a.m.; Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (Sinking), 5 p.m.

SAUNDAY.

St. Patrick's Day.
Yachting: "The Yat" Cups (merry lights).
Second Extra Race Meeting H.K. Jockey Club Happy Valley.
Cricket: Kowloon C.C. 1st XI. v. Army; C.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. Craigengower; H.K.C.C. 1st XI. v. R.G.A.; University 2nd XI. v. Royal Engineers; H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. R.A.O.C.; C.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. R.A.O.C.
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Cheer "O" dance 7.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "My Best Girl."
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SUNDAY.

4th Sunday in Lent.
In the Cathedral at Evensong, the Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A., on "God in the form of a man."
In St. Peter's at Matins the Rev. N. Evans, M.A., on "Christ, the sower of forgiveness."
Scottish Company (H.K.D.C.) triangular shoot v. 2nd Scots Guards and 2nd K.O.S.B.
Fanning Hunt: Meet of hounds at Wan Ha, Chinese Territory, 6.30 a.m.
Yachting: Club v. Ladies.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-5.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "7th Heaven."
World Theatre: "Tumbling River."
Star Theatre: "The Small Bachelor."
Cheer "O" music, 7.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

St. Peter's Young Men Debate "Labour devices increase laziness."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "7th Heaven."
World Theatre: "Tumbling River."
Star Theatre: "The Small Bachelor."

TUESDAY.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 1st XI. v. H.K.S.R.A. at King's Park, 8 p.m.
Entries close at noon for Fanning Hunt Steeplechase on Saturday, March 31st.
Annual Meeting of Victoria Recreation Club, 6 p.m.
Ordinary Yearly Meeting Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. at 2 Queen's Building (noon).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "7th Heaven."
World Theatre: "A Society Scandal."
Star Theatre: "The Midnight Girl."

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 1st XI. v. Queen's Regiment U.S.R.C. ground, 8.15 p.m.
Fanning Hunt: Meet Mr. de Siza's Bungalow, 2.45.

39th Ordinary annual meeting of Green Island Cement Co. Ltd., St. George's Building at noon.
Fairwell dinner to Mr. D. B. M. Bernard, Chinese Merchants' Club.
Queen's Theatre: "7th Heaven."
World Theatre: "A Society Scandal."
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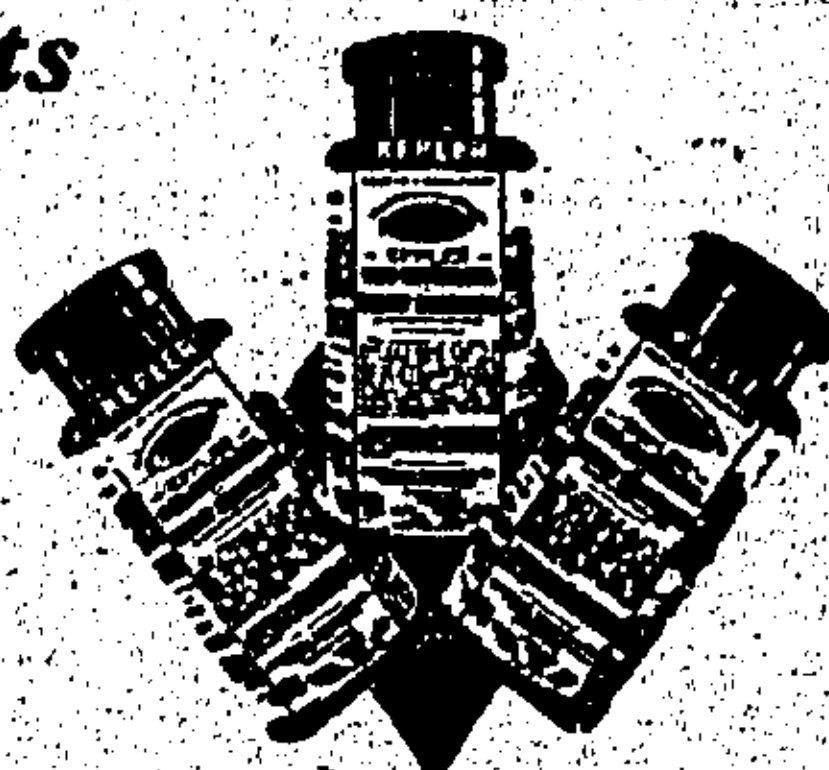
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No. 331.

1.—Equipment.

On C. Units will collect all leather pouches and return them to stores at Volunteer Headquarters, as soon as possible.

2.—Corps Rifle Meeting.

The dates and order of events will be as follows:—

Sunday, April 8th, 1928.—Blink Shield, Francis Cup, Jar Competition, Plate Competition and Attack Competition.

Monday, April 9th, 1928.—Corps Championship and Tyro Competition, Musketry Competition, Reserves Cup, the Lewis Gun Competition, Revolver Competition both days.

Entrance fees. All individual events \$1 per man per competition, other events 50 cents per man, with the exception of Revolver Competition (unlimited entries) for which the fee is 20 cents per entry, made on the range.

Intending competitors must send in their names, accompanied by entrance fees, not later than Monday, April 2nd, 1928, to the Hon. Secretary, Rifle Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters.

3.—The Battery.

The Battery will parade for instruction at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, the 22nd inst. It is expected that all members that they will make a special effort to attend the remaining drills of this season.

4.—Field Section.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21st, for General Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

5.—Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22nd, for Signal Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

6.—Armoured Car Company.

Machine Gunners will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, March 19th, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

Car Section: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, March 19th, for formation run and Machine Gun Firing.

Motor Cycle Section: Monday, March 19th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Thursday, March 22nd. Special Class will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction under Lieut. J. E. Hancock.

7.—Infantry Company.

No. 1 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday, March 20th and 23rd, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

No. 2 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, March 20th, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

8.—Scottish Company.

Sunday, March 18th, 1928: Triangular shoot between 2nd Bn. Scots Guards, 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B., and Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C.; kindly arranged by Mr. R. M. Dyer will take place at Stonecutters.

Scottish Company team will be: Sergt. Cuthill, Sergt. Young, Lee, Sergt. Goodman, Corp. D. Lyon, Pte. Stapan-Thomson, McKennan, Maxwell and Boulton. Reserve: Piper G. Nisbet.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress for competitors: Gilegarry, khaki tunic, kilt, sporrans, dined hose, flashes, spats, belt, frog, braces and pouches.

Dress for visitors: Uniform as above (with belt frog and bayonet only) or multi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, March 16th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 6 and 8 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 17th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

9.—Portuguese Company.

There will be no parade on Friday, March 16th. Next Company parade on Friday, March 23rd, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters for practice at Kennedy Road Range and Miniature Range. Dress: Drill order. Rifle and bayonet.

Sunday, March 18th: N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 a.m. to draw Lewis Gun and ammunition for practice at Kennedy Road Range.

Riflemen detailed by C.S.M. to parade Kennedy Road Range at 10.30 a.m. for rapid fire practice.

Tuesday, March 20th: N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun Instruction.

10.—Reserve Company.

Musketry Part I. Table "T" will fire at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 25th, 1928.

11.—Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on March 6th, 1928, and posted to No. 10 Platoon—No. 1307 Pte. G. O. Danenberg.

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12.—Transfers.

No. 235 S.Q.M.S. D. Davies is transferred from the Reserve Company to the Medical Section, as from March 6th, 1928.

No. 1147 Pte. W. E. Strange is transferred from M.I. Company to the Lights Section, as from March 10th, 1928.

No. 717 Pte. H. E. Strange is transferred from the Reserve Company to the Medical Section, as from March 13th, 1928.

No. 235 S.Q.M.S. D. Davies, Medical Section, is promoted to Company-Sergeant-Major, as from March 9th, 1928.

13.—Promotion.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

Capt. T. Addis Martin, from March 18th to April 8th, 1928.

No. 699 Spr. C. Strange, Field Section, from April 14th, 1928, to February 13th, 1929.

No. 1057 L/Cpl. T. W. Southam, A.C. Co., six months' extension of leave, from April 1st to September 30th, 1928.

No. 732 Sergt. W. E. Price, The Battery, from March 15th to April 14th, 1928.

No. 1174 Gr. G. Fairman, The Battery, from March 29th to December 30th, 1928.

No. 1021 Pte. B. S. Stephenson, M.I. Co., from April 1st, 1928, to March 31st, 1929.

No. 850 Pte. J. L. Adams, Reserve Co., from March 9th, 1928, till return to the Colony.

No. 1283 Pte. Lee Yuk Him, Medical Section, from March 13th to April 2nd, 1928.

No. 427 L/Sgt. G. Punccheon, The Battery, from March 24th to December 23rd, 1928.

With reference to Corps Order No. 93, para. 17, dated March 9th, 1928, the resignation of No. 424 Pte. D. McCallum, A.C. Co., is cancelled and granted him six months' leave, from March 10th to September 30th, 1928.

15.—Resignations.

HAVING LEFT THE COLONY.
No. 1114 Pte. F. J. Easterbrook, Reserve Co., as from March 6th, 1928.

No. 290 Pte. W. Hyde, No. 6 Platoon, as from March 16th, 1928.

No. 1258 L/Cpl. G. B. Shipper, Signals, as from March 8th, 1928.

No. 1110 R/ser. A. A. Barros, No. 10 Platoon, as from March 10th, 1928.

No. 1263 Gr. J. H. Marshall, The Battery, as from March 12th, 1928.

No. 818 Pte. J. K. Milward, Reserve Co., as from April 14th, 1928.

HAVING COMPLETED THEIR SERVICE AND CLAIMED THEIR CHARGE.
No. 715 Corp. W. Elliott, Reserve Co., as from March 1st, 1928.

No. 610 Pte. N. Evans, Reserve Co., as from March 1st, 1928.

No. 876 Spr. P. O. Morgan, Engineer Co., Field Sec., as from March 1st, 1928.

R. A. Woods Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hong Kong, March 16th, 1928.

WIDOW'S UNDYING HATE.

DEMAND FOR RIVAL'S
CHILDREN.

MURDERED FATHER.

PARIS.

One of the most involved domestic tragedies ever submitted to a Parisian tribunal has been disclosed before the Correctional Court.

It was a case in which the adoptive mother of three illegitimate children refused to hand them over to their real mother, who had murdered their father, with whom she had been living. After their father's death the children were taken care of by his widow, though they were not her own. The mother claims the right to bring up her own offspring, even though she killed their father.

Mlle. Leonie Gerard shot and killed M. Victor Deprez, in whose employ she had been as typist and secretary, for 25 years. She had three children by him, the eldest being now 14. For a quarter of a century the real Mme. Deprez had tolerated her husband's mistress, but the mistress could not tolerate M. Deprez taking up with another woman much younger than herself.

Acquitted Of Murder.

She shot and killed them, but an impressionable Paris jury acquitted her of murder.

The case which is now being heard by the court involves more difficult psychological problems than those which faced the jury. Mme. Deprez insists on keeping as her own her dead husband's illegitimate offspring.

Their mother, pleading that she would rather have been sentenced to death for murder than be robbed of her children, plaintively asks that they shall be given back to her.

The judges are faced with the problem of choosing between the widow, who has sworn eternal hatred of the woman who killed her husband, and the mother who demands the custody of the children whose father she killed.

The judge and his assessors discussed the case for some time, but their complexity was so great that they decided to adjourn, and the two women will be brought face to face in court. The children may also be brought before the judge.

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COMMUNISTS IN SINGAPORE.

CAUSING THE SHOE-MAKERS' STRIKE.

BOMBS BEING MANUFACTURED.

SINGAPORE, March 7th.
No settlement has yet been reached in the Singapore shoemakers' strike, and unpleasant manifestations are beginning to appear.

Early in the strike a bomb was thrown into a shoemaker's shop. It was a crudely manufactured article that failed to explode. An equally harmless contraption was thrown into another shoemaking establishment a few days ago.

Last night, however, the Fire Brigade was called out twice to deal with outbreaks of fire that followed the throwing of striking shoemakers of bombs that did explode.

The fires fortunately were not serious owing to the rather amateur quality of the bombs.

Some of the persons responsible for these bombs certainly had yesterday evening an experience that should prove a deterrent to further experiments. For a third outbreak to which the Brigade was called was caused by an explosion during the manufacture of a bomb in a Short Street house. Several persons were burned, one seriously enough to make it necessary for him to apply at the hospital for treatment. Thither he was traced by the police, whose further investigations unearthed at the Short Street house a quantity of seditious literature.

The shoemaking establishments into which bombs were thrown yesterday are at the junction of Sum-bawa and North Bridge roads and in Middle Road. In the Middle Road shop, two bombs were thrown. A considerable quantity of goods was damaged in the fire following the second bomb.

In the absence of arrests, it is not known whether or not the throwers of the recent bombs are Hylans.

Two shops employing Khek workers have resumed work.

EMPLOYERS' OFFER.

STRIKERS ADHERE TO ORIGINAL DEMANDS.

The striking shoemakers, it will be remembered, demanded an increase of 40 per cent. The employers have offered a 20 per cent. increase. That offer has been rejected.

The strikers still adhere to their original demand of a 40 per cent. increase.

They are paid by piece work, and they declare that with the cost of living what it is to-day they cannot produce enough work at ruling rates to make their calling a remunerative one.

They are fed by their employers, but the cost of their food is included in the calculation of the payments to them for their piece work.

The employers refuse to listen to the demand that no strikers shall be dismissed within six months of the resumption of work. The demand that no employee shall be dismissed without reasonable cause is regarded by the employers as being as ridiculous as it is superfluous, for that usually obtains in the ordinary course of events in every calling.

The strikers up to date have given no indication that they will reduce their demands.—*Straits Times.*

A DEN RAIDED.

BOMBS AND DOCUMENTS SEIZED.

Recent discoveries by the C.I.D. in Singapore have pointed to the existence of considerable Communist activity in this city, but the most sensational haul of all was made last night, says a labor copy of our Singapore contemporary, referring to an incident briefly described in a *Heuter* cable published on March 10th.

A compound house in Baleren Road, near the junction of Kim Keat Road was raided by the police, and proved to be the headquarters of the military section of the "South Seas Revolutionary Party," which is the Communist organization in this part of the world.

One of the two Chinese arrested is stated to have been the appointed head of the party, and one of the leaders of the military section of the Communist organization.

The raid was carried out by the Chief Police Officer (Mr. C. H. Benson), the head of the C.I.D. (Mr. H. Oates), Inspector E. H. Chand, and a party of plain clothes men. Three of the five men in the house got away, but the object of the raid was more than achieved.

(Continued on next column).

CHINATOWN RAIDS.

IN SEVERAL BRITISH PORTS.

ALARMING INCREASE OF SMUGGLING.

LONDON, Feb. 24th.

Suspecting extensive smuggling by Chinese at work in restaurants and laundries, plain-clothes Police to-night simultaneously raided the Chinese quarters in London, Liverpool, Cardiff and other Lancashire ports and towns and effected the biggest round-up in recent years.

Hitherto the elusiveness of the Orientals had foiled local efforts to obtain a census and the similarity of names and facial appearance had increased the difficulties still further. By some mysterious means, the arrival of the authorities used to be communicated throughout the whole district and the suspects vanished in time.

To-night, however, the Police formed rings over wide areas. The Chinese, as usual, got wind of the Police in some neighbourhoods and managed to escape, but the names of several in Liverpool were taken.

Under A Pile Of Ironing.

An Inspector, giving evidence at Scarborough where there were three arrests, said that one man was discovered under a pile of ironing, the other under a pile of brown paper and the third, Leong On, who is regarded as the ringleader, was busy smuggling in Chinese.

A search revealed a quantity of correspondence and documents in Chinese which have been forwarded to the Home Office.

The Police at Bristol, who were searching a laundry found a quantity of opium, an automatic pistol and 44 rounds of ammunition.

It is stated that the ring-leaders, whose head-office is in Hong Kong, charge £100 for delivering a Chinese in England. He is usually smuggled on a steamer calling at a Continental port, from where he is conveyed by motor-boat and landed on the South coast, often with a parcel of drugs.

DR. G. E. BROOKE OF SINGAPORE.

LEAVING FOR SARAWAK.

SINGAPORE, March 7th.
The Colony will lose, and Sarawak will gain one of the ablest public health officers that have served Malaya when Dr. Gilbert E. Brooke, Chief Health Officer at Singapore, goes on home leave prior to retirement from the Straits medical service this month, says the *Straits Times*.

Dr. Brooke will not be saying good-bye to the tropics, however, nor will he be giving up active work, for he intends to take up a post under the Sarawak Government after his leave, and his long experience and exceptional ability will certainly be as valuable in that territory as they have been during the past twenty-six years in Singapore.

Dr. Brooke was first appointed Port Health Officer in Singapore in 1905, and the work of the Government Health Department in this Settlement has expanded in all directions during his period of service. Above all, however, his name will always be associated with the development of the St. John's quarantine station and with the remarkable health measures which have been carried out in the rural districts of Singapore island during the past seven years.

Soviet Flag Prominent.

A large assortment of seditious literature and Bolshevik publications was found, and it will take a week to examine thoroughly the documents that were seized. The Soviet flag, with its sickle and hammer on a red field, was prominent among them.

One of the arrested men, and apparently the most important of them, is Wong Ah Choo, alias Cheung Wan Seng, who is a well-known agitator from China. The other man is a Hylan.

Completed bombs and material for their manufacture were seized, and it is highly significant that they were of a similar type to those recently thrown into shoemakers' shops in the city, presumably by employees who are on strike.

Connected With The Shoemakers' Strike.

It is suggested in some quarters that the shoemakers' strike is not an ordinary industrial dispute, and that the men would go back to work to-morrow if there were no other influences behind them. The fact that the bombs thrown last week were similar to those found in the Communist headquarters certainly lends colour to that belief.

It is understood that yesterday's raid was the successful culmination of a fortnight's strenuous activity by the C.I.D. in Singapore, and the Police are to be congratulated upon the results they are achieving.

The arrested men were produced before the Third Police Magistrate (Mr. C. H. Dakers) on charges of being in possession of seditious literature and explosives.

WIFE'S SUIT FOR SEPARATION.

SO THAT HUSBAND CANNOT MARRY.

JUDGE'S CRITICISM OF THE LAW.

I THINK IT IS SHOCKING THAT IT SHOULD DEPEND ON THE CAPRICE OF THE WIFE TO INFLICT ON THE HUSBAND SO SEVERE A PUNISHMENT.

THIS WOMAN HAD NO RELIGIOUS OBJECTION TO DIVORCE. SHE SAID THE OTHER WOMAN HAD RUINED HER HOME, AND SHE DID NOT WANT THE HUSBAND TO MARRY THE WOMAN.

I DEEPLY REGRET THE LAW GIVES ME NO POWER TO REFUSE THE WIFE'S PETITION FOR JUDICIAL SEPARATION.

Mr. Justice Hill made these comments when he gave judgment in the Divorce Court in a suit in which a wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Annie Blanchard, of Windmill-road, Brentford, asked for a decree of judicial separation from her husband, Mr. William Benjamin Blanchard, on the ground of his misconduct.

The husband admitted the charge, and said he wished to marry the other woman. She was ready to marry him.

Mr. Tyndale, for the husband, who defended the action, suggested that the judge had a discretion in these circumstances either to refuse the petition or to grant a decree nisi for divorce.

When the suit was brought last term Mr. Justice Hill expressed the hope that the law would be soon amended to give the Court discretion to pronounce a decree of divorce in such circumstances notwithstanding that the only relief asked for was judicial separation.

The Wife's Right.

Mr. Justice Hill said on the facts of the case and on the law as it stood the woman had a right to a decree of judicial separation, and he must grant her it, with costs, and the custody of the younger child of the marriage.

"There is," said Mr. Justice Hill, "no doubt about the misconduct in this case. The husband of the woman with whom Mr. Blanchard was living petitioned for divorce from his wife, citing Mr. Blanchard as co-respondent, and a decree nisi was granted against the woman."

"This woman wishes to marry Mr. Blanchard as soon as her decree nisi is made absolute, and whether she is ever placed in a position or not to marry Mr. Blanchard, the probability is that they will continue to live together."

"Sir Francis Jeune said in 1901, on this matter, it was a terrible thing that any people should be going about the world neither married nor unmarried, exposed to the temptation of entering into illegal alliance, and certainly exposed to temptations to commit misconduct."

It is not a matter that concerns the parties merely, but their children, the State, and the interests of morality.

"The reason why judicial separation is sought and not dissolution, I have found, is sometimes religious belief. Such convictions conscientiously held I respect, though I do not share them."

"Sometimes the wife has the hope that her husband will return, and thinks there is a better chance if the marriage were not dissolved. But sometimes the motive is much less worthy—a desire to punish the husband, and make it impossible that he should marry anyone else, and to punish the woman by making it impossible that she should marry the husband."

"With that desire, so wanting in charity, and it might be, so cruel in its effects, there can be no sympathy."

"Mrs. Blanchard, when I questioned her, was frank about it. She had no religious objection to divorce, no expectation or wish that her husband should return to her."

"Under these circumstances I deeply regret that the law gives me no power to refuse the wife's petition for judicial separation."

The Woman Wronged.

"I greatly regret the law gives me no power to decree dissolution. Parliament has not acted on the recommendations of the Divorce Commission that the court should have a discretion in these cases."

"Mrs. Blanchard has been grievously wronged by her husband, and though she needed no protection against interference by him, yet she wanted orders for permanent maintenance and for custody. This court has no power to make such orders except on some decree. Maintenance and custody are part of the purpose for which this suit was brought, and the petitioner must be given the decree for judicial separation for which she asked."

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CHEZ VICTOR.

WEST END CLUB STRUCK OFF.

A sequel to the recent conviction for breaches of the liquor laws at Chez Victor Club, Grafton-street, New Bond-street, W., was heard at Marlborough-street Police Court when Mr. Mead dealt with the questions of the club being struck off the register and of disqualification.

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, K.C., and Mr. St. John Hutchinson appeared for the club and Victor Perosino, who at the hearing two months ago was fined a total of £200, with £200 costs.

Lieut.-Col. English had written to the court intimating that he had resigned the secretaryship of the club.

Sir Henry said that since the case was reported in the Press in December the takings of the club had depreciated by at least fifty per cent.

Mr. Mead: It does not look like a genuine club when strangers, who are not members, are served with drink.

Sir Henry said that since the case was reported in the Press in December the takings of the club had depreciated by at least fifty per cent.

Mr. Mead: Then it will not be a loss if it is closed.

Sir Henry: I thought you would say that. When my learned friend and I were in consultation last night he said you would be certain to say it. He is a great prophet. (Laughter.)

Mr. Mead ordered the club to be struck off the register and the premises to be disqualified for one year.

It was intimated that there would be an appeal.

CRUELTY TO SNAKES.

NOVEL APPLICATION TO SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT.

Should even poisonous snakes and other cold-blooded creatures, such as toads and fish, be protected against deliberately vindictive acts of cruelty?

This problem was discussed at the recent congress in Durban of members of the South African Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Kaffirs, Zulus, Matabels, and other natives, many of whom have lost their relatives, friends, and cattle from serpent-bite, have been reported to have caught snakes in revenge and tortured them with every refinement of hideous cruelty.

The S.A.S.P.C.A. came to the conclusion that the torture of even such creatures as it is advisable to exterminate, for the protection of mankind, should be made a penal offence, and it is petitioning the South African Parliament to amend the present statutes so as to give the puff-adder and the cobra the same rights as the stray cat.

Another matter which is being investigated is the practice alluded to in the Game Warden of Kenya's recent annual report in which he says that a South African informant recommends, as a means of keeping tsetse-flies away, the capture of one in view of the risk, its pinning and being clipped of hair, then painted blue. Considering the highly organised intelligence of the cat, it adds the Warden, "I cannot but feel that the proceeding savours of cruelty."—*Observer.*

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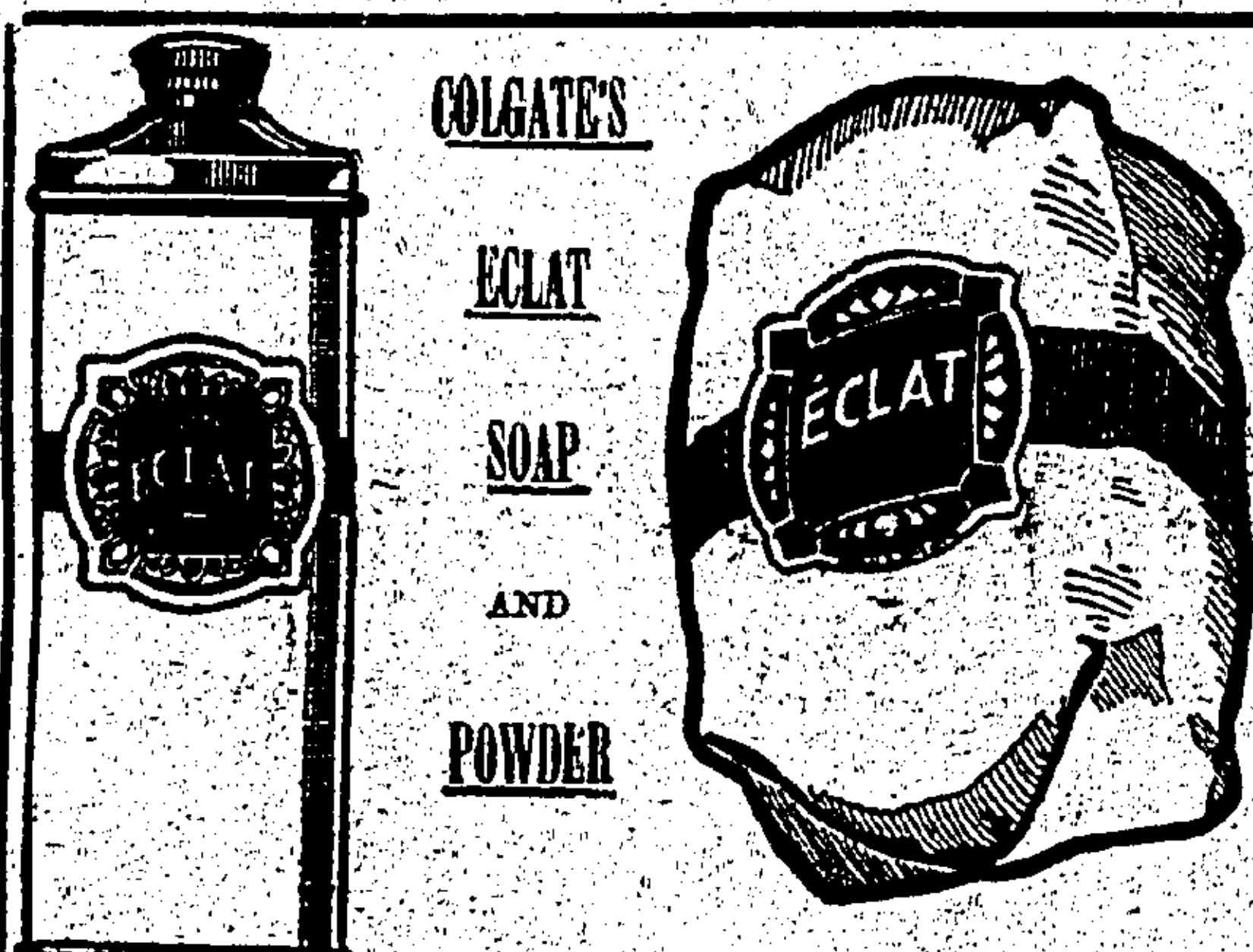


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PRAISED.

The annual inspection of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps by Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., the General Officer Commanding Troops, South China Command, took place on the Murray Parade ground yesterday afternoon. All units of the Corps were represented on parade, and the Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers was present.

Major-General Luard was met on the ground by Lieut-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant of the H.K.V.D.C., and the troops presented arms. The inspection then took place of the Companies drawn up on three sides of the ground, after which the troops marched past in column. The troops formed into a square for an address by the General Officer Commanding. Headed by the Band, the troops once more marched past in impressive ceremonial with Motor Cyclists and the Armoured Car, etc., joining in the procession.

Major-General Luard addressed the Corps as follows:—
To begin with I congratulate the Corps on their fine turn-out and the accuracy of their movements on parade to-day.

It has been customary to say a few words at the annual inspection on the working of the Corps for the past twelve months and I propose to continue the practice.

I am going to begin by saying that I am disappointed at the way the numbers and the strength have gone down. Thanks to the new Portuguese Company and Band it would not appear to be much, but I think I can say that with the exception of the Artillery Company it has been considerable.

You may say it is absurd to rub this into us who remain, but my reason for doing so is that I suggest that possibly more might be done by members—particularly perhaps the younger ones—to influence their young friends soon after their arrival to join. I realise the difficulty but still I think more might be done in that direction.

I am also disappointed that the Portuguese Company has not come along as we hoped and were led to expect. We hoped for quite double the number or more, and I cannot help thinking that there must be some misunderstanding as to conditions of enrolling which I hope may soon be swept away.

I am sorry not to see the Band on parade. I bear that in spite of being provided with new and up-to-date instruments and all Mr. Fitz-Earle's efforts they are still unable to function. I trust that any difficulties there will soon be got over.

While talking of music I hoped to see more pipers for the Scottish Company.

I have now finished my disappointments and will get on to my congratulations. The Artillery Company under Capt. Martin has put in a lot of very hard work—the excellent results of which I saw at the Practice Camp. I hope that in time we may be able to work up to a Battery of four guns.

The Armoured Car and Motor Cyclists under Major Dowbiggin have done some excellent and most useful training throughout. Provision has been made in this year's budget for a second Car which I hope will be shortly on the road.

The Portuguese Company has come on very much and their soldierly bearing in Camp was very marked.

I congratulate the Corps very sincerely on the enthusiastic way in which they took up the Machine Gun Training, and the quickness with which they learnt both the tactical handling and the technical details of the gun. I saw them working in Camp and was very pleased with what I saw.

I am pleased to see there has been more interest taken and considerable improvement shown in Musketry.

The recent Ordinance published should help towards keeping up the strength by making special concessions in the demands of efficiency to those who have completed three years' service and by the formation of the Corps Signals, Lights Section and Supplementary Reserve.

I congratulate the Corps very much on winning last year's Kirkpatrick Cup Competition, and I am sure that to defeat them again this year will be difficult.

Attendance in Camp was very satisfactory during one week it was a record. Lastly I should like to thank the heads of firms for co-operating and greatly assisting in these good results.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WATCHMEN'S BILL READ A SECOND TIME.

NATURALISATION ORDINANCE PASSED.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon. H.E. the Governor presided and there were present H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General C. C. Luard), the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney-General, the Colonial Treasurer, the Director of Public Works, the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, and the Deputy Clerk to Councils (Mr. E. W. Hamilton).

New Member.

Hon. Mr. S. B. R. McDermid took the oath upon taking his seat as a member of the Council. Mr. McDermid is occupying the post of Secretary for Chinese Affairs in place of Mr. R. A. C. North who is on leave.

Regulation Of Watchmen.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen. He said: This Bill was read a first time on the 27th of October last year. Certain interested parties had put forward certain views on the Bill and the Unofficial Members of this Council granted an interview to the representative of those interested parties. They also granted an interview to the Captain Superintendent of Police, and they discussed and considered the proposals contained in the Bill. The Bill was also reconsidered by the Government, and as a result of these interviews and discussions and consideration certain proposed alterations were agreed between the Government and the Unofficial Members and they have been embodied in the print which hon. members now have in their hands. It is proposed to make these alterations by amendments at a later stage.

There are two main alterations in the Bill since the first reading. That is to say the print which is now before members has been altered on two substantial points. In the first place the new print provides for two classes of watchmen—police watchmen and private watchmen. Private watchmen will not be subject to police discipline and their pay will not be regulated under the Ordinance. All watchmen, when the Bill becomes law, will have to register as such, but it will be for each individual watchman to choose whether he will register as a private watchman or as a public watchman.

The second main point on which the print differs from the original form of the Bill is in connection with clauses dealing with money-lending. Clause 13 originally read "No watchman shall act as a money-lender." It was felt that it might be hardship in that form and it is now proposed that that clause shall not apply to any private watchman who was on the 1st of January this year registered as a money-lender and who satisfies the Captain Superintendent of Police that he was actually employed as a watchman at the commencement of the Ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a second time. Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause, when amendments embodying the changes outlined by the Attorney-General were approved.

Naturalisation Ordinance.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Ordinance to amend the Naturalisation Ordinance, 1902, and to provide for the revocation of naturalization rights in certain cases.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a second time.

Council went into committee to consider the Bill clause by clause. No amendments were introduced into the Bill in committee, and upon Council resuming.

Finance Committee.

Council was followed by a meeting of the Finance Committee. The Colonial Secretary presiding. Votes of supplementary expenditure, totalling \$24,625, details of which were given in yesterday's Daily Press, were approved.

THE HONG KONG AERODROME.

COST OF FORMING THE SITE.

TWO AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

BUILDINGS AND OTHER WORKS NOT INCLUDED.

It will be remembered that at a previous meeting of the Legislative Council it was announced, in reply to a question by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, that the Imperial Government would contribute £100,000 to the cost of the Hong Kong Aerodrome.

At yesterday's meeting the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked:—

In connection with the answer given to the Hon. Mr. Bernard at the last meeting of this Council to the effect that the Imperial Government was contributing £100,000 towards the Kai Tak Aerodrome, what is the estimated sum of money which the Hong Kong Government will have to contribute towards the cost of such aerodrome?

The Colonial Secretary replied:—
The estimated cost of forming the aerodrome site adjoining Kowloon Bay is as follows:—

(a) Resumption of area from the Kai Tak Development Co.,	\$1,001,250
(b) Resumption of private properties owned lands and	183,000
(c) Completion of reclamation including surfacing, etc.,	738,000
(d) Covering nullahs, road construction and forming embankment	603,000
	\$2,522,250

The above total estimated cost, \$2,522,250 represents the cost of acquiring, forming and completing the aerodrome site and does not include the cost of buildings, offices, air-craft sheds, workshops and contingent works.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Arising out of the answer to my question can the Hon. Director of Public Works inform us what is the estimated cost of the buildings, offices, air-craft sheds, workshops and contingent works?

H.E. the Governor: I am afraid it is hardly possible for the Director of Public Works to reply. The scheme for re-building has not yet been made. It is under consideration but we shall have to obtain advice from the Air Minister.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MOTOR CYCLE RELIABILITY TRIAL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR—With reference to the article which appeared in "Motoring Notes" your March 14th issue, I think the remarks concerning the performance of Francis Barnett in the Reliability Trial were incomplete, and made without knowledge of the excellent performance of Mr. E. L. Groome (30) who rode my machine of that make. This machine I used in laying out the course, and it took me up numerous difficult gradients without any trouble. It is stated in your article that I negotiated the section on which Mr. Jenkins failed, in 7½ mins. Actually, from a standing start at the bottom of Garden Road, I reached the Peak Hotel in 8 mins. on three separate occasions. In consideration of the fact that I weigh just 10 lbs. more than my machine, this is a performance which thoroughly justifies the Francis Barnett's good name.

Groome's performance was one of which the makers may be rightly proud. But for a rider running broadside into him in Kennedy Town, on account of which, perhaps, he lost 10 minutes in the 3rd Lap, he lost very few points, and came through with a clean sheet on all hills. Among the competing members of the H.K.V.D.C. Motor Cycle Section, he got 2nd place.

I think you will agree that the foregoing refutes the statement that "the Francis Barnett's, of which much was expected gave no display whatever."

Thanking you for your interest in the Trial—Yours faithfully,

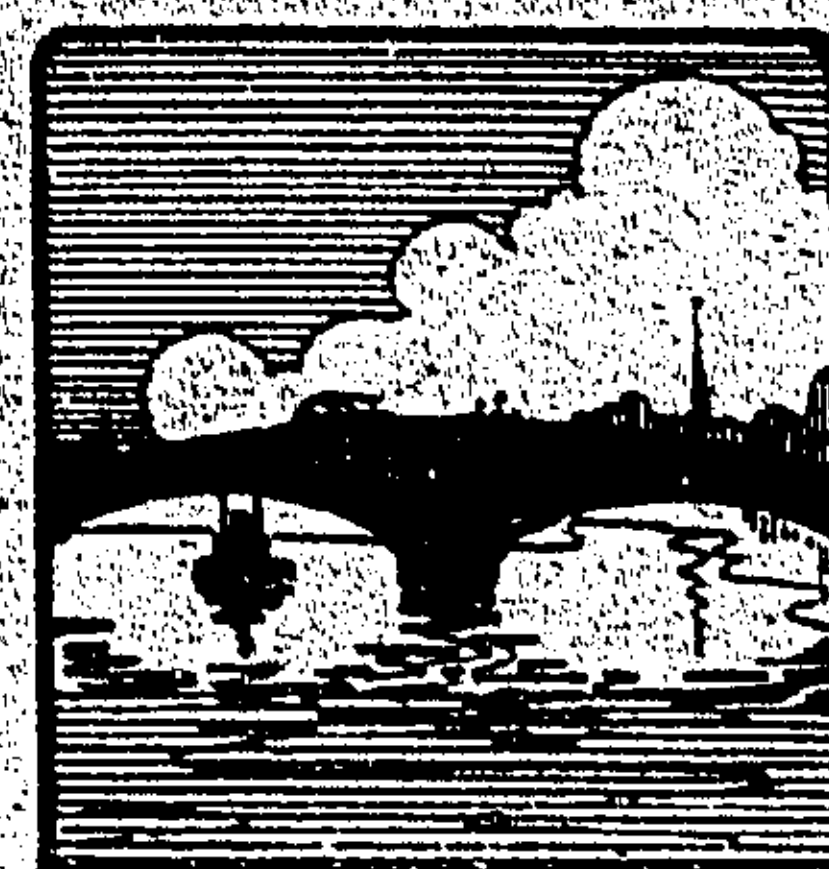
J. E. HANCOCK.

LARGE FAMILIES RELIEVED FROM TAXATION.

MUSSOLINI'S DECREE.

Rome, Feb. 1st.
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Sir Cecil Clementi and Marshal Li Tsai Hsin made important pronouncements with regard to the future relationship between the two ports. His Excellency also referred to the favour with which Hong Kong regarded the proposed loopline connecting Canton's two stations and also the linking up of the Canton-Shiukwan line with that from Hankow to Chuchow.

Reports received Daily from Canton show that satisfactory progress is being made with the Government's scheme of reconstruction, the Central Bank of China Notes are recovering their value and increasing confidence in a trade revival is shown by the merchants, though they are still anxious to see Canton disentangled from any commitments with the Nanking Government.

The news from the war area suggests preparation for a renewed offensive by the Nationalists with Peking as their objective. Chiang Kai Shek is the driving power behind this project.

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TRANQUILISATION PLANS.

WONG SHIU HONG CANCELS HIS DEPARTURE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Education Bureau has organized a committee for censoring theatrical performances. All public shows, including theatricals, films, and colloquial plays, must first be approved by the censoring committee before they are allowed to be performed. The object, according to the Bureau of Education, is to ensure good, healthy plays. Plays of a vicious character will under no circumstances be permitted. Only those possessing educational, social or political value are allowed to be shown.

The committee comprises 21 persons, most of whom were selected from approved theatrical societies and educational institutions. They are persons of education and work under the direction of the Bureau of Education. They receive no salaries, except travelling expenses.

The committee is divided into three sections. The first unit is the moving pictures censor, the second for dramatic performances, and the third, for colloquial and mixed plays. The full committee is to meet once a month, when each section will present a full report of its work.

A committeeman, in an interview with the *Daily Press* correspondent, stated that the censoring of public shows is necessary to the welfare of the Canton community. In the past many theatrical performances of an undesirable nature have been staged. This is to be entirely replaced by morally sound plays.

General Li Tsai Hsin has recommended to the Canton Branch of the Political Council that Generals Hsu King Tong, Chen Ming Shu and Chen Tsai Tong, and Mr. Wang Ying Yi be appointed to the committee for the tranquillisation of Kwangtung. They were all appointed by the Council without a dissenting vote. It was further decided that this second committee be empowered to supervise the official administration of each district. If a district official is found to be corrupt, the committee will duly report him to the Provincial Administration. The committee will also make a general survey of the economic and social conditions of each locality.

The Department of Military Affairs in Kwangtung, at the request of General Hsu King Tong, Commissioner of the Department, has been dissolved by the Political Council. General Hsu told the Council that he saw no necessity for the department, as its work is done by the Military Headquarters of the 8th Route Army. During the last few days the staff of this department have been busy closing up the accounts. The committee for the protection of navigators in Kwangtung has also been dissolved and the marines under the committee's control have been turned over to the Military Headquarters of the 8th Route for re-enlistment.

Mr. Chan Tien Pong was last Wednesday elected chairman of the General Chamber of Commerce of Canton, receiving 23 out of 46 votes. Mr. Wu Chunyong, who received 20 votes, is to be vice-chairman.

General Wong Shiu Hong, commanding the Kwangtung troops who have been in Kwangtung assisting General Li Tsai Hsin, has not yet returned to Kwangtung. He will remain here to see whether or not his services are still needed. If General Li Tsai Hsin goes to Nanking, General Wong will act as commander-in-chief during his absence. General Li has been engaged by Nanking to go there but so far no official announcement has been made as to whether or not he will go.

8,000 TREES PLANTED.

Yesterday was observed as Arbor Day in Canton, all Government offices, schools, and leading organizations of the City taking part in the tree planting at Shek-pai. This began at ten o'clock in the morning and lasted until late in the afternoon. More than 8,000 trees were planted on the Second Experimental Farm of the Sun Yat Sen University. Several special trains took the participants to and from the farm. At one o'clock President Tai Chi Tao of the Sun Yat Sen University delivered the first speech, and leading officials, including the Commissioner of Finance and Reconstruction, and the Mayor, were present. The young women and young men going to Shek-pai also learned the necessity for good roads. From Shek-pai Station to the Second University Farm, they had to walk along very bad roads. They all went out in neat and new clothes but returned with their attire soiled and their shoes covered with mud.

THE VISIT TO CANTON.

TRIBUTE TO H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE DEEP GRATITUDE OF THE COLONY.

SPEECHES AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon reference was made to H.E. The Governor's visit to Canton and tribute paid to his labours on behalf of the Colony.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock said: Sir,—As this is the first meeting of this Council which has taken place since your visit to Canton, I desire, as the Senior Unofficial Member, to express the deep gratitude of this Colony to your Excellency for your labours on our behalf. We are indeed fortunate to have as the Head of the Executive, at this present time, one who combines a profound insight into Chinese character with a genuine sympathy with the aspirations of the Chinese people. You have rightly interpreted the sincere desire of all sections in this Colony for the restoration and continued maintenance of friendly trading relations with the Province of Kwangtung, and in all the steps which you have taken and are taking for the purpose of strengthening and extending those ties I can assure your Excellency of the whole-hearted and unanimous support of every section of the community of Hong Kong.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

H.E. The Governor, in reply, said: Gentlemen,—I appreciate very much what the Senior Unofficial Member has said and I cordially endorse his hope that the friendly ties between this Colony and the Kwangtung provinces may be strengthened with every passing day, and that trade between Hong Kong and Canton may flourish exceedingly. The Chinese of the Colony for the happy results so far achieved are due first to Mr. Brennan, who has striven wholeheartedly ever since his appointment as Consul-General at Canton for the improvement of Anglo-Chinese relations; next to Mr. Shanton, lately a member of this Council, for establishing personal contact of a very friendly kind with Marshal Li Tsai Hsin; but above all to Sir Shou Son Chow, Dr. Kotewall and Mr. Li Yau Tsun for paving the way by their informal visit to Marshal Li for the recent mutual and cordial exchange of official visits. It was also a fortunate and very opportune circumstance that, shortly after the informal visit which these three gentlemen paid to Canton, H.B.M.'s Minister, Sir Miles Lampson, called officially on Marshal Li and communicated to him in person the warm invitation of this Government to visit Hong Kong. Personal and friendly intercourse so established cannot fail to be of great value to the Government as well as to the people both of Hong Kong and of Canton. It will promote co-operation. It will strengthen the forces of law and order; and it will, I hope, mark the beginning of an era of peace, happiness and prosperity in South China.

SIR SHOU SON CHOW.

Sir Shou Son Chow: My Chinese colleague and I are grateful to your Excellency for the very kind reference you have made to the humble part which we took in connection with the recent exchange of visits between your Excellency and Marshal Li Tsai Hsin. We feel, Sir, we have done no more than our duty.

BOXER INDEMNITY FUND.

COST OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION.

A White Paper issued on February 13th states that as no steps had been taken to give legislative effect to the recommendations of the Advisory Commission under the China Indemnity (Application) Act, 1925, the China Indemnity Fund had a balance amounting to £1,831,469.4s. 5d. on March 31st last, in a bank at Shanghai, against a balance of £1,419,447.3s. 4d. on April 1st, 1926. Commenting on an expenditure during the last financial year of £16,501.15s. 10d., the Comptroller and Auditor-General states that £10,000 of this sum was for fees and travelling expenses of the Advisory Committee when they examined the situation in China with a view to making recommendations.

THE COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY.

NEED FOR ECONOMY.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF ABERDEEN VALLEY CATCHMENT AREA.

SIR H.E. POLLOCK'S QUESTIONS, AT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Sir Henry Pollock, at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, asked the following questions regarding the Colony's water supply:

What information can the Government lay before this Council as to the steps which are being taken in connection with the construction of the new reservoir in the Aberdeen Valley? What steps is the Government taking by leaflets or notices to instruct householders and others as to the imperative necessity of conserving the water supply of the Colony? Why cannot printed notices in English and Chinese, be sent out to householders periodically? Is it not possible that some economy in consumption might be effected by reducing the amount of the free allowance of water to householders?

THE REPLIES.

The Colonial Secretary said: A Sessional Paper No. 10 of 1927 on the subject of the Aberdeen reservoir has been issued and was laid on the table on the 22nd December last. The Secretary of State has been asked by despatch dated January 30th, 1928, to give early sanction for this scheme, which, it is proposed, to charge to Loan Account. The approval of the Secretary of State is now being awaited.

With regard to the issue of notices to householders, the Colonial Secretary said: The Government has hitherto taken no such steps except on occasions of great urgency. Notices in English and Chinese could be printed and distributed to householders periodically, but it is not considered that the result of such action would justify the cost of printing and distribution. Arrangements will however be made for the publication from time to time in the newspapers of the Colony of notices drawing attention to the importance of avoiding waste of water. Some economy in consumption would result from the reduction or abolition of the free allowance of water, though it is doubtful whether the saving would be sufficient to justify the extra burden on the community. The question will be further considered.

THE ABERDEEN SCHEME.

The Sessional paper dealing with the development of the Aberdeen Catchment area, to which reference was made, states that the scheme consists of the development of the whole of the Aberdeen Valley and the catchwatering of the areas to the East as far as Wongchong Gap and to the West as far as Mt. Kellett Bay. It will be necessary to construct a reservoir in the Aberdeen Valley immediately above the existing reservoir, and the existing Paper Mills Dam will require reconstruction. Fine will be necessary for both reservoirs to Aberdeen where they will join and a common pipe will run from there to Elliot Miller Beds by way of Island Road, Victoria Road, and Pokfulam Road.

To deal with the increased supply, Elliot Miller Beds will require to be extended and new beds will be constructed at Pokfulam Road near the University Recreation Ground, the latter beds discharging into the Kennedy Town tank. A Pumping Station will be required at Sandy Bay to deal with the lower reservoir water and a portion of the higher reservoir but the larger portion of the water can be delivered by gravity. Small alterations will be necessary at Pokfulam Reservoir which will be linked up to the main supply pipe by a subsidiary pipe, allowing a larger draw-off than is at present possible.

The scheme gives a very flexible system which will prove a great relief to the Western districts of the City which at present are the first to be restricted and, if need be, water can be passed as far East as Albany by means of the existing Albany-Elliot Unfiltered Water Mains, the flow in the pipe being reversed. The scheme as originally designed was estimated to give a supply of 2.12 million gallons per day at a cost of £9,805,000 and to take approximately three years to complete but as a result of recent inspection of the area an amended estimate of £2,627,000 (including resumption) is put forward as the cost.

DISPUTE BETWEEN PARTNERS.

THE CHINA RUBBER TYRE COMPANY.

JUDGMENT IN SUMMARY COURT.

In June of last year Lang Quock Lau and Tam Wah Dong went into partnership, in the China Rubber Tyre Company, but later they came into disagreement and dissolved the partnership on January 5th. At the time of dissolution \$784 was owing to Lang Quock Lau, and finally an action was brought against the other partner, Mr. H. C. Macnamara appearing for the plaintiff and Mr. M. K. Lo for the defendant.

The case came before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court on March 8th when judgment was reserved. Mr. Justice Wood delivered judgment yesterday afternoon.

An Agreement.

These parties were partners together in the "China Rubber Tyre Company," said His Lordship. On January 5th, having decided to dissolve partnership, they attended together at the office of Messrs. Lo & Lo, solicitors, where they interviewed Mr. Horace Lo. The partnership accounts were agreed, the terms of dissolution were not then agreed. But on the following day, they again attended. A discussion ensued and agreement was reached. The principal obstacle to agreement was the inclusion in the arrangement of an admitted debt owing from the partnership to the plaintiff, amounting to \$784. Finally, on joint instructions of the parties, a formal contract was drawn up, which they signed. Under it an auction was to be held by the solicitor at which the firm was to be transferred to the highest bidder.

Demand in Good Faith.

The consideration for the sale was to be half the highest bid to be paid subject to the deduction of the debt mentioned above. The auction took place. The defendant was declared to be the successful bidder. The price calculated according to the agreement, viz., \$3,358, was paid by the defendant and accepted by the plaintiff. At this juncture the plaintiff asked to be paid in addition the amount of the partnership debt before mentioned. I can quite understand that this demand was made in entire good faith. The conversation had been conducted in the English language. Both parties have given evidence in English. It was evident that neither had a really competent grasp of the language.

Plaintiff's Demand Refused.

The plaintiff's demand was refused. He here sues upon this contract, affirming it and founding his action upon it. His claim is for a portion of this sum. His solicitor has submitted on his behalf that the purchase under the agreement undertaken by clause 2 of its provisions to take over the liabilities of the firm, including this debt due from the partnership to the plaintiff. It appears, however, that this item has been specially contemplated in fixing the purchase price. Also, the clause in the agreement, which indemnifies the vendor against the firm's debts, becomes meaningless if regarded as applicable to this particular debt. In my view, the plaintiff cannot here succeed.

The Judgment.

My judgment on the claim is for the defendant, with costs. I also give judgment on the counter-claim for the defendant (plaintiff in the counter-claim) for \$259 and costs.

JUNK WOMAN GIVEN BENEFIT OF DOUBT.

ALLEGED THEFT OF ADMIRALTY COAL.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday morning the mistress of a cargo junk was charged with the larceny of 250 pounds of Welsh coal, the property of the Admiralty.

An order for the delivery of 220 tons of coal had been given, according to Stoker Petty Officer, W. M. Lynas, of H.M.S. *Magpie*, to the Kowloon Naval Yard. The coal was loaded on four junks on Tuesday evening. After the junks had discharged the coal, they were examined, and in the front compartment of the defendant's junk a large quantity of coal was found. The defendant claimed that she was not aware of this as she occupied the cabin in the stern of the junk with her 3 daughters and a baby eleven days old. She employed two coolies who slept above the forward compartment and it was possible that they had stolen the coal.

His Worship said that the two coolies certainly knew something about the theft, and, considering that the defendant had a baby only eleven days old it was quite possible that she knew nothing of the coal, and being a woman, would not care to go near the coolies' cabins at night.

In discharging the woman, his Worship said that the defendant must be given the benefit of the doubt.

NOT DEFAMATORY.

MR. HAYNES' ACTION AGAINST MR. G. W. C. BURNETT.

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT.

Yesterday morning before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court Mr. L. E. Haynes sued Mr. G. W. C. Burnett. The grounds of the action were an alleged libel appearing in the *China Mail* of February 6th and upon the poster of that paper for the same date.

Deliberate Attacks Alleged.

Mr. Haynes in his opening speech told the Court of incidents in his past but said that he had determined to clear his name. Since the middle of December, however, Mr. Burnett had deliberately set out to attack him.

When the defending solicitor in the Christie case considered it his business to unravel Mr. Haynes' past, four years' work of rehabilitation crashed at one stroke. The report of this case in the *China Mail* was, said plaintiff, revolting and a disgrace to British journalism.

The foolish letter of an accountant of the South China Trade Protection Association, written contrary to the instructions of Mr. Haynes, resulted in Mr. Haynes and two others being summoned before Mr. Lindell at the Central Magistracy but early in the proceedings Mr. Bate withdrew the summons against the present plaintiff. It was from this that the present action arose, for in the *China Mail* report of the case the words "Haynes Discharged" appeared five times—three times as headings, once in the report and once on a newspaper poster.

Implications.

Mr. Haynes considered that the words appearing on the poster constituted the most serious case as they conveyed to the English-speaking public of the Colony the news that he had lost his job. Apart from that, the word "discharged" implied that he had been under detention, which, of course, was not the case.

In reply to a question from His Lordship, Mr. Haynes stated that he had not actually lost employment on this account.

All Papers Unanimous.

It transpired from the questioning of witnesses that the word "discharged" occurred also in the reports of the remaining three newspapers, and Mr. Haynes in reply to His Lordship admitted that the Magistrate might have used the actual word himself.

Mr. Alabaster submitted that he had no case to answer, and His Lordship said he would not trouble him.

No Case To Answer.

Addressing plaintiff, the Judge said he did not think there was a case and he asked Mr. Haynes if he had anything further to say. Mr. Haynes replied that he did not bring the action for the purpose of gaining pecuniary reward but to stop what he thought was a misrepresentation. They had it on the authority of Mr. Lindell, that police court cases were being reported. It was astounding that people could deliberately deter a man from making good.

"For a man in my position the best thing to do is to jump into the harbour and finish it all. Take that heading 'Haynes Again,' what is that if not malice?"

The Judge: The words complained of are not defamatory and cannot possibly carry a defamatory interpretation. It seems to me in this action an attempt has been made to make a lot out of little. The action must fail to the ground.

Judgment was entered for defendant with costs.

ABERDEEN JUNK FATALITY.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE AGAINST STEERSMAN.

SEQUEL TO JUNK COLLISION.

The Chinese steersman of a big fishing junk charged with manslaughter was again before Mr. H. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The case, it may be remembered, arose out of the collision between the defendant's junk and a sampan at Po Tai Island, Aberdeen, on February 20th, when a small Chinese girl sleeping on the sampan was killed by the impact. When the two vessels were examined by Sgt. A. Kirby after the accident the gunwale of the sampan, where the deceased was sleeping had been splintered for about nine inches and to a depth of about two inches. The bigger vessel which defendant was steering had had the cross-boards of her bow cracked.

The deceased was at the time near the gunwale and it was presumed that the bow of the bigger junk must have hit her head and fracturing her skull.

The defendant is represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada, senior. The case was adjourned until Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m.

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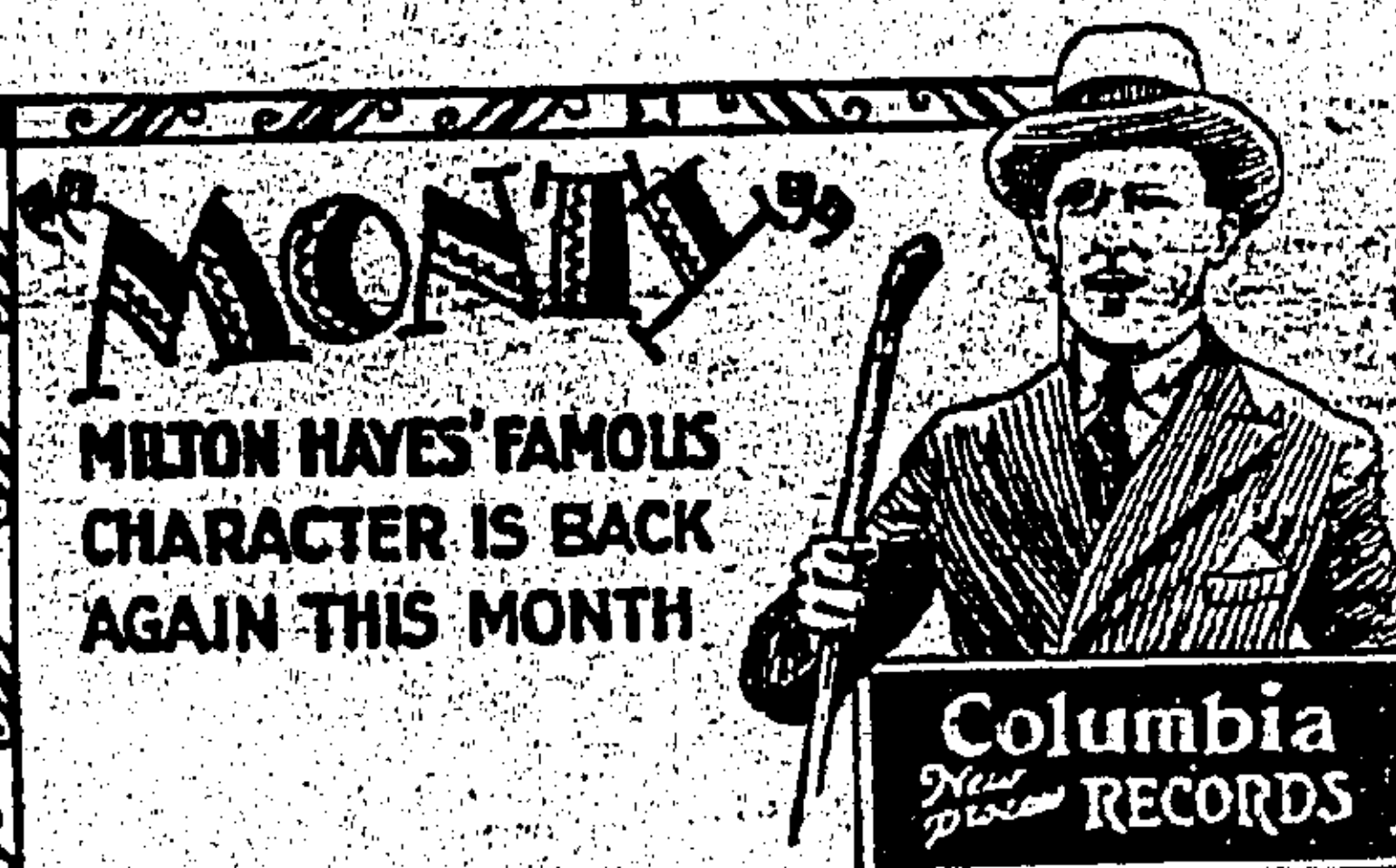
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends at an Early Date to apply to the Legislative Council of Hong Kong for a Bill incorporating the SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Dated the 16th day of March, 1928.
S. B. MCLEDDY,
Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
[6013]

NOTICE.

DURING MY ABSENCE IN SHANGHAI I have appointed Mr. S. H. LANGSTON to take charge as from TODAY.

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Hong Kong, 16th March, 1928. [6009]

NOTICE.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS DAY will be held at the CATHEDRAL on SUNDAY, the 18th MARCH.

Morning Service:—High Mass, 8.30 A.M.
Evening Service:—Sermon and Benediction, at 4 P.M.
After that an "AT HOME" at the Mission House.
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THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. BUILDING, 10th FLOOR, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for 31st December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from JAN MARCH, 1928, to 16th MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928. [6024]

NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 20th MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to 20th MARCH, 1928, (Both Days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th Mar., 1928. [5976]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, CHATELAIN ROAD, VICTORIA, HONG KONG, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928. [5943]

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASE.

EASTER MEETING:
SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for the EASTER MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, may be obtained from Dr. F. PIERCE-GROVE, ALEXANDRA BUILDING.

ENTRIES CLOSE Before NOON, WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH, 1928. [5992]

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 26th MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 6th Mar., 1928. [5985]

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at 12 P.M. at the Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon on FRIDAY, the 16th day of MARCH, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:

"That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 300,000 Shares of \$10 Each to \$5,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 500,000 Shares of \$10 Each and that such Additional Shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the Original Capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same Place at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon on MONDAY, the 19th day of APRIL, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same Place at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon on MONDAY, the 19th day of APRIL, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or as soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorized, to capitalise the Sum of \$1,500,000 Profits of the Company standing to the Credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding Shares of the Company as on 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the Net Amount capitalised of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of One Share for Every Two Shares of the Company then held by such Members respectively and that such Shares so allotted shall rank for Dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if on such Distribution as aforesaid, any Person would be entitled to a Fraction of a Share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the Whole Share to be allotted to a Person or Persons to be named by the Directors and such Share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the Proceeds distributed amongst the Person or Persons to whom the Share is allotted."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.

By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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[5978]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather permitting) at HATTELY PARK on SATURDAY, 17th MARCH, 1928, commencing at 2.30 P.M. The First Race will be Run at 2.00 P.M.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies, Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform: Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure, Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LITTLE & DAVIS at \$5.00 Each up to FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, 1928.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$1.00. Each Member can obtain upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meetings. [5998]

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THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held on BOAT RACE NIGHT—MARCH 31st, 1928.

Anyone whose Name is or has been on the Books of a College at either University is qualified for Membership of the Society and to attend the Dinner.

New-comers desirous of joining should communicate with the Joint Secretary, R. E. LINDSELL, c/o the MESSAGER, [6004]

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The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, March 16th, 1928.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE—NEW STYLE.

We have had in the old days chess matches carried on between players in distant countries by means of the cable service, each move in the game, in London or Buenos Aires or Sydney being registered almost as soon as made. People thought it was wonderful. Then came wireless telegraphy, and after that wireless telephony. But a conversation between two people one in England and the other in America, by wireless telephone, although a marvellous achievement, is not so dramatic as a conference of two societies, one in London and the other in New York. The other day this in effect is what happened when greetings were exchanged between the presidents of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The occasion was a joint meeting for meeting is the only word of the two institutions; and we think the event is worth recording as a milestone of history.

For the purposes of transmission the wireless telephony system between Britain and the United States was used, the other journey of 3,000 miles being linked up with about 1,300 miles of land lines. The scene can be easily visualised. It was three o'clock in the afternoon in London and about ten o'clock in

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morning in New York. Mr. PAOL, President of the British Institution of Electrical Engineers, was elected Chairman of the joint meeting. In each case a microphone was placed on the conference table and loud speakers were installed in the rooms. After greetings of a suitable character had been exchanged General CARTY, in New York, moved a resolution expressing satisfaction that by the electrical transmission of the spoken word "the two national institutions had been brought together in this new form of national assembly, which should prove to be a powerful agency in the increase of goodwill and understanding among the nations."

This resolution was seconded in London by the eminent scientist, Sir OLIVER LOGIE, who said "the actual achievement of to-day, for which we rejoice, and which posterity will utilise, must be accredited to the enthusiastic co-operation and to the scientific and engineering skill of many workers in the background, whose names are not familiar to the public, as well as to those who are well known."

The Chairman thereupon put the resolution to the meeting, by which it was carried. We are not surprised to learn on the authority of one who was present that the company was somewhat oppressed by the novelty of the event. There were no risings, no points of order, no challenge to the ruling of the chair. Perhaps these familiar and more human features will be added as the habit of wireless conference grows.

In the meantime the outstanding fact is that such a conference has been proved possible. The event carries a significance that cannot be

ignored. None dare set a limit to the effect on international relationships and the closer contact of the peoples of this earth which this gathering portends. Wireless telephony has been in use for transatlantic service, and at £5 a minute financiers have been able to put through deals, and big contracts have been arranged. But the conference to which we refer puts the system of wireless telephony on a new plane. It is possible to conceive debates between Governments and institutions. The quick interchange of opinions is rendered easy of accomplishment, even the inflection of the human voice is faithfully conveyed. The essential factors that make for sympathy and understanding in communication are possible as never before between those separated by distance.

As this wider and closer intimacy is developed it seems fairly obvious that the first to gain will be the English speaking peoples that comprise the British Commonwealth of Nations. We can imagine the day is not distant when we shall have Imperial Conferences by means of wireless. Geographical barriers have made such conferences comparative rare in the past. Wireless telephony should overcome this difficulty to a very great extent. It should not be long before a Dominion Ministry can be present, in all but physical appearance, as easily in Westminster as in Ottawa or Canberra. Time and space have been conquered to a great extent, and it is only a question of months or years till the conquest is complete. As it is, by a strange paradox the members of great institutions can meet without leaving home, and sit down in joint conference though mountains divide and oceans roll between.

H.M.S. *Hermes* is expected back on the station early next week.

Two Chinese cases of small-pox were reported from Kowloon on Wednesday.

A branch of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China has been opened at Harbin, North Manchuria.

It is stated by a Singapore paper that Sir Henry Gomperts is proceeding on leave by the P. & O. liner *Manitua* on the 6th April.

Mr. James Murray Beattie, late a partner in Messrs. Ker, Bolton & Co., East India merchants, Glasgow, and East India-avenue, E.C., left £28,892.

Chow Hing Loong, a job of a staff-holder at No. 17 Fruit stall in the Central Market collected \$223.38 owing from various shops and absconded.

The late Mr. William McNiven Muat, C.B.E., M.B., C.M., of Hamilton Park-terrace, Glasgow, late Senior Medical Officer, Weihai-wei, North China, left £14,022.

The dead body of a Chinese was found floating off the Wing Tak wharf yesterday morning and taken to the Kowloon Mortuary. The deceased is thought to be one of the sampans people.

Mr. Roe of the Harbour Department returned to the Colony by the a.s. *Manitua* which arrived here from Home yesterday morning. He will resume duty at the Harbour Office vice Mr. Andrews.

Among the passengers arriving in Hong Kong yesterday were the Portuguese Importer Billiard's team from Shanghai. It is understood that the first game is to be played at the Lusitano Club on Monday at 6 p.m.

The ship's Company of H.M.S. *Ambrose* held a very successful farewell dinner at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant last night. The punctation was extremely well attended, and proved most enjoyable, dancing being kept up to a very late hour.

Just after landing from the Yau-mai Ferry a Chinese, named Tan Pan Hung collapsed in the street at Yau-mai. He was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, but died shortly after admission. The deceased, it is understood, had come from Macao to visit his relatives.

Mr. J. Sheppard of No. 1, Hutton Road, reports to the police that a coolie employed by him absconded yesterday, taking with him a leather suit, case containing a rain-coat, an overcoat, and a pair of field glasses. The total value of the things stolen is estimated at \$170.

A meeting of the V. D. A. (Cathedral Group) will be held in the Cathedral Hall this afternoon at 3.30 p.m. Miss Boswick will address the meeting informally on work among the Blind.

Holders of tickets for the Orthophonic Gramophone, that is being raffled by the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods, are informed that the drawing will take place at the office of the *China Mail*, Wyndham Street on Saturday morning the 31st of March at 11.15 a.m.

Letters dated October and November have been received at Stockholm from Dr. Sven Hedin, and have set at rest the anxiety regarding the fate of the explorer. He set out from Peking last summer, and the scientific results already achieved in Mongolia have exceeded all expectations.

Probate of the will of the late Mr. Robert James Gault, formerly a pilot at Shanghai, and also of No. 12, Beach Lawn, Waterloo, Lancashire, who died at his home in Waterloo on August 8th, 1927, was granted to his wife Mrs. Emily Elizabeth Gault yesterday. The deceased left estate in the Colony valued at \$10,625.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning a Chinese appeared in connection with a stabbing affray in a tenement in Wanchai. It is alleged that the defendant wounded a waiter of No. 237, Queen's Road East. The victim is still in hospital and a week's formal remand was granted.

Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning discharged the three Chinese, who were arrested for trespassing on land under the control of the Diocesan Boys' School, holding that the Rev. W. T. Featherstone did not come within the definition of a public officer, as laid down in the Ordinance. His Worship intimated that there was no case against the three men, but should he case to the complainant could take civil action against them.

Mr. John Drummond, who was married to Mrs. Peel, sister of Sir John Buchanan-Jardine, at the Savoy Chapel on February 8th, is very enterprising, says a Home paper. For some time he ran a series of quick-lunch shops all over London, and lately he has been doing well in the provinces in the theatrical business. He owns Megginch, a beautiful place in Perthshire. Sir John Jardine gave away his sister, Ethel Lady Buchanan-Jardine was unable to be present being still confined to bed at Knepp Castle, Horsham, after her attack of pneumonia following gastric influenza.

Two Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning on a charge of stealing away from Swatow on board the a.s. *Cremor*. It was stated that the second defendant had been deported from Sumatra by the police authorities, but after being landed at Swatow had returned to the ship, and was later found concealed among the cargo. The first defendant was found hidden in one of the ship's boats. Both defendants pleaded guilty stating that their homes had been destroyed by bandits and that they wanted to come to Hong Kong to work. His Worship imposed a sentence of three weeks hard labour on each of the defendants.

Two forthcoming weddings were announced yesterday, the contracting parties will be Miss Margaret Parker Follett, of No. 47, Granville Road, Kowloon, to Mr. Harold Edwin Gardner, of No. 6, Minden Avenue, Kowloon, and Miss Dorothy Wiltshire, of No. 109, Wong Nei Cheong Road, to Mr. Jack Johnson, of the Victoria Gaol.

PROPERTY SALES.

34,681 SQUARE FEET FOR \$5,100.

A parcel of land having an approximate area of 34,681 square feet at Man Tin Kow, Kowloon, was put up for public auction yesterday at the sale room of Mr. E. V. M. H. de Souza.

There were only four persons present at the sale and the upset price was \$5,000. Only one bid was made for the property, which went to Mr. Chan Sau for \$5,100.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecasts and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5 p.m. stated:—

The cyclone has increased slightly in intensity. Fresh monsoon will continue along the S.E. coast, and over the North China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds fresh; cloudy.

MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN.

VISIT TO THE NORTH CANCELLED.

PASSAGE BOOKED BUT GIVEN UP.

The report was circulated in the Colony yesterday that Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and General Chen Ming Shu were travelling to Hong Kong by the day boat from Canton in order to leave by the P. & O. *Manitua* for Shanghai to-day.

When the distinguished visitors did not arrive by steamer it was rumoured that they were coming down by train. This rumour, also proved untrue.

Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and General Chen Ming Shu intended to leave by the *Manitua* for Shanghai to-day, and their passages were booked, but we understand that these passages were cancelled by telegram yesterday afternoon.

Dealing with Marshal Li's proposed visit to Nanking in a leading article yesterday, we wrote:

"Marshal Li is urgently needed in Canton. His presence there and the prospect that, under his wise guidance, an efficient and stable administration will be maintained has already led to a return of confidence. This confidence will be seriously shaken if under any pretext or promise he leaves again for the North."

"As we have repeatedly urged, the one chance of rehabilitation that Canton possesses lies in its ability to keep itself free from any entanglement with the military operations between Nanking and Peking."

Canton has already very wisely withdrawn from the conflict, and it should remain aloof. If it does so there is every chance of substantial prosperity, and future trade development. If it enters once more into the arena, or even handicaps itself by any form of alliance with the Nationalist Armies on the Yangtze it will be running a great risk for no purpose."

Marshal Li has won in an unparalleled measure the confidence and trust of his own people and of foreigners. There will be nothing but the acutest disappointment in all circles if he turns aside at this particular juncture from the task which he has so auspiciously commenced."

There will be a feeling of relief that this visit has now been postponed. That feeling will be deepened as an announcement is made that the visit has not only been postponed, but definitely abandoned.

CHINA IN PARLIAMENT.

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S SPEECH.

REFERENCE TO HONG KONG.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, who resumed the debate in the House of Commons on February 8th on the Address in reply to the speech from the Throne, made a long reference to China.

He said: "Of the reductions in the defence force, both naval and military, mention was made in the gracious Speech. The land forces numbered about 15,500. They were already reduced to about 4,500, and orders had been given for the withdrawal of another battalion. I should be as glad as any member in any part of the House when conditions of order and security in China made a total withdrawal of that force possible, but that time has not yet arrived, and no responsible Government could leave our Concessions there until there is a more normal turn in the conditions which still prevail."

In conclusion Sir Austen noted with great satisfaction the friendly relations which at present exist between the authorities in Canton and the Colonial Government of Hong Kong.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A TWO MONTHS' OLD CRIME.

CULPRIT PUNISHED YESTERDAY.

The Chinese who attacked a woman near King's College on January 22nd and stole from her a quantity of jewellery valued at \$175, received due punishment yesterday when he was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy.

The defendant pleaded guilty and said that there was another man with him at the time of the robbery.

His Worship did not encourage him to "split" on his friend but asked him what he had done with the jewellery. He said it was all melted down and that he had only \$90 out of the deal.

In view of the fact that there was a previous conviction against the man for a similar offence, Mr. Lindsell sentenced him to six months' hard labour and 50 strokes of the birch.

CRICKET NOTES.

CAN A RABBIT HAVE A SWAN SONG?

The somewhat unusual enquiry, which I have affixed as a sub-head for this week's set of notes, may possibly require some elucidation. The fact is, (and I hate to mention it seeing that the Stock Exchange are now doing a bit of business and I don't want to rock the boat), that this is the last of Mr. R. Abbit's notes for the season 1927-1928. It is not true that the supply of lettuce has given out! It is merely the fact that, if I ever get my packing done, I am pushing off on leave, and you will have, somehow or other, to get on without me until the end of November next, when I shall hope to resume the publication of these illuminating *obiter dicta*. This is not conceit. We simply must pretend that we are a real journalist, and that, if we do not write, not only the paper but the world also will come to an end. Do you get me, Ed?

The League Season 1927-1928.

As usual, in seasons when a local interport takes place, the interest in the League assumes a somewhat milder aspect. In both Divisions a result has been reached, and I tender my heartiest congratulations to the University on their double success. It would be idle to pretend that either of their sides was of outstanding merit. Kowloon beat the first team and in a played out match would beat them every time. But the University have won on their excellently balanced sides. And if they have no stars, they have no passengers. Their brilliant fielding put the finishing touch to their success. It would be hard to find a clearer lesson on the value of fielding than a consideration of the C.S.C.C. and K.C.C. match. Dropped catches cost the Kowloon side the game beyond any possible probable shadow of doubt.

Kowloon were the stronger side and the win of their second eleven over Recreio last Saturday ensures them the place of runners-up in the Junior Division. They did well to beat Recreio who are a young and keen side and field well. And so, farewell to the Hong Kong cricket season of 1927-1928.

Devon.

There is, of course, well nigh another month's cricket. But I shall not be here to see it, for I am away home, to play cricket in Devonshire. My games won't be very brilliant because the North Devon C.C. in their serious matches can turn out pretty nearly a county side. But on their off-days they are very kind to the stranger within their gates. One gets some of the most delightful country cricket going anywhere. There are three grounds that will stick in one's memory while memory lasts. First of all there's the home ground. It is right out on a tongue of land where Torridge joins Taw. A bit sandy, but a good wicket. W.N.W. is "Bidevor" and the famous bridge, and close by, Apple-dore. The ridge hides Westward Ho and Northam. North lies the Bar, and, North-East, Braunton Burrows, just as they were when Amye Leigh and the Brotherhood sailed forth in the good ship Rose to seek for the Rose of Torridge. And it may be, my masters, that sitting there on the old benches on a hot summer's afternoon, your eyes may close for a space. And then, the slumber-laden lids may seem to lift, and there is the "Rose" sailing in over the Bar with flags flying and guns firing in triumph. But it's only the dream of a summer afternoon. Frank Leigh and Rose Salterne lie quiet in their graves beyond the Spanish Main, and blind old Amye and Ayckmore still sleep in Northam Churchyard. But Lady Looms away to the northward just as it did, and its tame clean sweet old Devon land as it was in good Queen Bess's time.

Then there's another ground that takes the memory. There's a chestnut wood above the field, and it's on a bit of a slope. Some good fellow has given me a lift in his car through thirty miles of perfect Devon lanes, and if they put me on at the north end, I'll be a sinner or two. In West Buckland School and if you've ever played cricket there you'll know just what I despair of being able to bring out in print. And then, there's the greatest ground of all: Blundell's. "The best wicket and the most light in Devonshire." It may be, but Sammy Woods got a blob the day he said that. And anyway we would keep our line-trees growing round the ground. We don't talk about cowboys "down to Blundell's." Someone built the Chapel on the precise line and it's a "Chapel shot" every time. But its wonderful cricket, and on the occasion you probably haven't met half the Old Boy's side for twenty years. But the old nick-names come up somehow, and we are boys again, safe as al!—that we don't get down to the ball quite so quickly. There is very little changed at all. And (Continued on next Column.)

BOXING.

MIDDLEWEIGHT EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 14th.

All Edinburgh is agog in anticipation of to-night's fight for the middleweight championship of Great Britain and Europe.

Tommy Milligan, the holder, is challenged by Alex Ireland, another Scot, and both are in perfect condition and well within the weight limit.

LATER.

Milligan was disqualified for hitting low when he was ahead on points.

Ireland was awarded the decision after having been outboxed for nine rounds. The disqualification of Tommy Milligan was applied in the ninth round.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG G.C.

Adamson Cup—2nd-13th March.

A. J. W. Doring 86-20=66

Other scores:

F. G. James 86-18=63

T. Young 92-24=68

J. Stewart 86-15=71

E. M. Hanlon 96-24=72

Ten entries.

BILLIARDS.

R.A. SERGEANTS AND WARDERS.

In a billiards match played at Stonecutters, the R.A. Sergeants won four out of six games and beat the Warders' second team by an aggregate of 90 points. The scores were—

Warders' 2nd Team:

Lacey 108

Brimblecombe 92

Hodge 149

Murphy 133

Dyer 150

Gowland 151

R.A. Sergeants:

Sergt. Leach 150

S.M. Broadbridge 150

Sergt. Secular 150

Sergt. Glazbrook 150

Sergt. Davis 150

Sergt. Drew 146

there's no change in the spirit whatever since Jan Ridd fought Robin Snell on the Ironing Box down to Old Blundell's, two and a half centuries ago.

I'm sorry. But really the man next door ought not to play "Samson and Delilah" at this time of night. I'll let it go in however as may be there are two or three in the Colony who may understand my purple patches, even if one of them does come from Barnstable.

Bless you, my children, and may we all play good cricket in the 1928-1929 season.

Yours,

R. ABBIT

MR. E. ZIMMERN'S XI. v. THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOLS.

Played on the School ground on Wednesday. Mr. Zimmer's team included nine old boys of the School and his team won by 43 runs.

Mr. Zimmer's XI.

S. V. Gittins, c. F. Lee, b. 5

Anderson 15

W. M. Hunt, c. and b. Kwan 30

E. A. Lee, lb.w. b. R. Lee 4

A. T. Lee, c. H. Lee, b. Kwan 13

B. H. Schroter, b. R. Lee 4

E. Zimmermann, run out 10

A. Hunt, b. R. Lee 14

R. Leong, not out 18

H. Braga, b. R. Lee 0

S. Reed, b. R. Lee 2

J. Hunt, b. Anderson 0

Extras 16

Total 120

Bowling Analysis:

O. K. R. W.

R. Lee 13 1 40 5

D. Anderson 11 5 1 41 2

W. H. Kwan 11 2 30 2

Diocesan Boys' School.

D. J. Anderson, b. A. T. Lee 44

W. H. Kwan, b. S. V. Gittins 9

F. R. Zimmer, b. S. V. Gittins 3

J. L. Young, lb.w. b. 3

S. V. Gittins 0

R. T. Lee, b. A. T. Lee 3

G. A. Lee, b. A. T. Lee 5

F. K. Lee, b. A. T. Lee 5

A. Prata, b. W. M. Hunt 5

E. A. Lee 5

Pong Pan, Fong, b. A. T. Lee 0

F. Shirazee, b. A. T. Lee 8

H. Jackson, not out 0

Total 80

Bowling Analysis:

O. K. R. W.

A. T. Lee 11 1 33 0

E. A. Lee 11 2 28 1

F. K. Lee 0 0 11 0

S. V. Gittins 4 0 9 2

LAWN TENNIS.

YOSHIDA BEATS RAZACK.

MAJOR STEVENSON IN SEMI-FINAL OF CLUB SINGLES.

[BY ONE OF THE "MACEDONIA'S" PASSENGERS.]

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HONG KONG v. SINGAPORE.

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The Game.

The game was played on one rink at 5 p.m. yesterday (Wednesday), and very even teams met, despite the hurried arrangements. The contest was most keen, and although Hong Kong won, it was not until the last head that they obtained the honours of the encounter by the narrow margin of one "shot."

The final score read:—Hong Kong 11; Singapore 10.

This indicates the standard of play, Singapore had the advantage of knowing their green, and Hong Kong were suffering from a lack of knowledge of it, an exceptionally hot day, and lack of practice with the "woods" for several months, at least. On the other hand, the Hong Kong team included at least two former interport players, and as the whole side were enthusiastic exponents of the art of lawn bowls, the teams were fairly evenly matched.

The greens were placed at the disposal of the Hong Kong visitors again to-day (Thursday), but the Sun has today the Hong Kongites preferring a "stinger" or a "long one" of battles to trundling the "wood" on the second and last day in "port."

As the score indicates, the game was keenly contested. At the beginning, however, it appeared as if Hong Kong would secure "a runaway" victory. Hong Kong opened in fine style, and at the 10th head the score Hong Kong, 9; Singapore, 1.

Then the hosts began to creep up, having found their "bearings," and levelled the scores, until it stood at 9-9. From then on there was never more than one shot scored on any "head." It was not until the 21st head was reached that Hong Kong gained the victory and then only by the one "shot."

The Teams.

The respective teams and scores were—

HONG KONG.

No. 1 W. Bell (Taikoo Club).

No. 2 B. Bell (Taikoo Club).

No. 3 B. E. Maughan (C.S.C.C.).

Skip, G. Morrison (Taikoo Club).

Score: 11.

SINGAPORE C.C.

No. 1 Evans.

No. 2 McIntyre.

No. 3 Gray.

Skip Bowerman.

Score: 10.

The Green.

Asked their opinion of the Singapore green, the Hong Kong players unanimously voted it extremely good. They added, that if a little more attention were paid to it, it would compare very favourably with Hong Kong and Shanghai greens, and might even find them.

They were very enthusiastic over the reception accorded to them as visitors, at such short notice.

A good suggestion, which they pass on for the benefit of Hong Kong bowlers, is that that other Hong Kong bowlers when passing through Singapore on their way Home, should communicate with the Secretary of the Singapore Cricket Club before leaving Hong Kong, thus allowing more time in which a friendly bowls match can be arranged. The Singapore bowlers are always ready for a game, but the longest notice possible is desirable.

A.C.W.

HONG KONG RIFLE LEAGUE.

THE TABLE TO DATE.

F. W. L. Pts.

H.M.S. Argus 10 3 8 18

Scots Guards 8 7 1 14

H.M.S. Tamar 8 6 2 12

Taikoo Rifle Club 8 6 2 12

H.M.S. Carlisle 8 6 4 10

Queen's Regt 7 3 4 10

R.O.C. Corps 2 1 7 2

Hong Kong Police 3 0 3 9

K.O.S. Borderers 3 0 6 9

R.A.F. (Kai Tak) 0 0 0 0

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH CUP DRAW.

THE WEEK END FIXTURES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 14th.

Hibernians v. Rangers. At Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh.

Celtic v. Queen's Park. At Ibrox Park, Glasgow.

Matches are to be played on March 24th.

Luck has been on the side of the Rangers in being drawn to meet the Hibernians. On their present form the Rangers should have no difficulty in entering the final.

Celtic may be expected to dispose easily of Queen's Park, and so if expectations are realised, the finalists will be the Rangers and Celtic.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 14th.

The following matches in the English League were played to-day, the results being:—

Division I.

Sunderland 6, Arsenal 1.

Manchester U. 1, Everton 0.

Huddersfield 3, Blackburn 1.

Division II.

Chelsea 4, Grimsby 0.

Division III (Southern).

Palace 3, Torquay 2.

Southend 1, Swindon 1.

Division III (Northern).

Bradford City 3, Rotherham 1.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

There is a full League programme in the English League and Scottish League (Division I.), the fixtures being:—

Division I.

Arsenal v. Blackburn.

Aston Villa v. Birmingham.

Burnley v. Bolton W.

Derby C. v. Huddersfield.

Leicester City v. Everton.

Liverpool v. Cardiff City.

Portsmouth v. Manchester U.

Sheffield U. v. Middlesbrough.

Sunderland v. Newcastle U.

West Ham v. Tottenham.

Division II.

Barneley v. West Brom.

Fulham v. Clapton.

Hall City v. Reading.

Leeds U. v. Notts.

Manchester C. v. Grimsby.

Notts Forest v. Oldham.

Port Vale v. Stoke.

Preston v. Blackpool.

S. Shields v. Southampton.

Swansea v. Chelsea.

Wolves v. Bristol C.

Division III (Southern).

Bristol R. v. Exeter.

Charlton v. Crystal Pal.

Coveントリー v. Brighton.

Gillingham v. Southend.

Merthyr v. Norwich.

Newport v. Bournemouth.

Plymouth v. Torquay.

Queen's Pk. R. v. Luton.

Swindon v. Brentford.

Walsall v. Northampton.

Watford v. Millwall.

Division III (Northern).

Accrington v. Rochdale.

Aldershot v. Wrexham.

Bradford v. Tranmere.

Crewe v. Chesterfield.

Darlington v. Durham.

Doncaster v. Southport.

Halifax v. Bradford.

Hartlepool v. Barrow.

Lincoln v. Barrow.

New Brighton v. Stockport.

Wigan v. Rotherham.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Bo'ness v. Aberdeen.

Colt v. Hearts.

Dumfries v. Clyde.

Falkirk v. Raith.

Hibernians v. Rangers.

Kilmarnock v. Dundee.

Motherwell v. St. Johnstone.

Partick v. Airdrieonians.

Queen's Pk. v. Hamilton.

St. Mirren v. Cowdenbeath.

RUGBY CUP FINAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 14th.

Playing in the final of the Rugby Football Cup, at Richmond, St. Baris, defeated London by 8 points to 3.

ROME'S NEW STADIUM.

250,000. PLAN TO INCLUDE SUMMER RESORT.

ROME.

Signor Mussolini has approved plans for giving Rome a new stadium and a new summer resort, with motor-car "speedways" linking both to the capital.

It is proposed to build a stadium capable of seating 100,000 between the Capannelle racecourse, 7 miles from Rome, and the Campidoglio aerodrome. The summer resort is to be built at Monte Cencione, and will consist of a series of villas, each of a character which will make them attractive to middle-class families.

The motor-car "speedway" 18 miles long, will link the stadium and the summer resort to Rome.

The complete scheme is expected to cost 250,000.

A BISHOP AT DOG RACES.

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A HALF PRICE SALE.

It's an ill wind which blows nobody any good, and the horrid blustery wind which is blowing as I write, has done us the good turn of bringing a half price sale at WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW'S. Winter clothes, dress materials, odd lengths of woollens, and warm underwear are being offered to-day at amazing reductions, which a wise housewife will take advantage of. For even if, as we hope, the warmer days come soon, a purchase now may not only save you a cold but will be something on which to start next winter. I noticed also a table of new dollar values which included soap flakes, towels, thermos flasks and tea pots among other useful articles.

New Hats.

A shipment of spring and summer hats was expected at the STORE OF THE LANTERN, too late, unfortunately for me to see them before this went to press. However, I know the taste of Miss Hones' buyer and am sure they are chic and the latest styles.

Some New Silks.

A different variety of their famous Pearl crepe, which like very much, has been received by the PROVERB Silk Store. It is rather thinner and softer than the old Pearl crepe, has a watered effect giving just a suggestion of a line on the weave, and it is made in a wide range of colours. They have also a new stock of heavy and medium weight georgettes, and some very gay and pretty coolie coats for beach wear made of printed vyella.

"Jibbe."

Gibbs, "Jibbe," as they call it, is well known in France. I remember that when I was in Paris some years ago it was considered almost as chic to use "Jibbe" the English tooth paste as to have your tailor made from London! And Parisiennes have plenty of sense over other things besides clothes; they know, for example, that sparkling teeth play a very large part in the quest for beauty. Children love it too, for Gibbs tooth paste has a pleasant taste not unlike fruit drops, and the problem of getting the little ones to clean their teeth is half solved if you give them this paste.

A Lovely Material.

I saw a very lovely material in POGHOOMULL'S, a tinsel brocade with a silver pattern woven over an underthread of pink silk. They only have the one piece, which prevents it being too popular, but they are, I believe, expecting other pieces in different colourings and patterns. The material is very soft and drapes exquisitely for evening gowns.

They have also a new shipment of hole-proof stockings in all the newest shades, and new summer silks mostly striped.

200 Dresses.

Anyone who has been in Paris must have noticed the delight which the shopkeepers there have in numbers. Two thousand corsets or a hundred thousand shoes is a usual name for a business, and I was carried back to the *rive gauche* in memory when MADAME SARRAULT told me she was expecting two hundred dresses early next week. Among them are to be evening, afternoon and day dresses. They will have her wardrobe still hold some smart frocks which she is selling, many of them, below cost price, in order to make room for the newcomers. Unless you are one of those ultra fastidious persons who must have the very latest thing of all, you would be well advised to take advantage of this opportunity, for in any case the dresses at present in the shop have most of them been there but a short while.

For A Local Bride.

I met in WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW'S the other day a well-known young lady here who is shortly to be married. She took me to the back part of the shop, and, with pardonable pride, showed me the furniture which is being made there for her new home. She has been able to see it in each stage of the making, and to assure herself that there are no petty knots or weak pieces disguised with varnish. The newly completed bedroom suite was very attractive indeed.

I also admired a new idea in curtains which I found in the same shop. They are made of wide white flax and have a design with a fairly heavy border *appliqué* in yellow, pink or blue muslin. The effect is certainly bright and original and I thought the cost, \$12 a pair, very reasonable.

HATS AND CHIC.

WHAT PARIS THINKS.

THE SKETCHES ON THIS PAGE.

Paris does not always wear its own "latest fashions."

It is to be noted that although women of nearly every other nation under the sun are to be seen in that city wearing hats cut up over one eyebrow, with a frill of lace falling over one eye, the Frenchwoman remains faithful to two models—the *cloche simple* and a close-fitting cap with a sharply upturned brim like the one shown in the sketches.

This cap gives as clear an outline, and is as comfortable to wear with fur collars, as an entirely brimless hat and is more becoming as a general rule.

A Brim That Grows A Becoming Shadow.

The turned-up brim causes the hat to roll slightly forward in a way that throws a suggestion of shadow over the eyes—a small thing in itself but such a boon to those of us who are not quite so young as we dare write it—we say we are.



Silk and felt form one of the best liked millinery alliances of the moment.

This particular model is intended to be of closely shaved lambkin. The brim is held to the crown at one side by a jewelled ornament taking the form of a common or domestic safety-pin. Other interesting jewellery items illustrated are the many diamond bangles of similar size and design and the "lucky" serpent—also diamond—worn as a necklace.

Pin Tucks Return To Favour.

Pin tucks are again having a vogue after being eclipsed for some time by strappings and *empiece-ments*. The jumper shown in the sketch is treated in a difficult but effective way, with the tucks radiating across the corsege from the left shoulder and continuing all down the right sleeve.

White crepe is used for this jumper and it forms part of an ensemble completed by a black satin coat and skirt. Black and white is just now.

When Felt And Satin Meet.

Soft silk felt and satin form one of the happiest of millinery alliances of the moment, and one that lends itself particularly well to the popular close-fitting models. On the top right is shown a cap of black felt decorated with pleated (Continued on next column.)

The WOMAN'S PAGE

THE BUDDHA WITH WINGS.

A PROBLEM FOR "FATHER BROWN."

I wish "Father Brown" that delightful creation of G. K. Chesterton would come to Hong Kong for we would give him a problem the equal to any which has been recorded—the problem of the Buddha with wings.

If a man likes a Buddha, and the Buddha likes him, it will follow him," was Mr. Komor's explanation. It happened during the war. A friend of Mr. Komor's, an Austrian in the diplomatic service possessed a Siamese Buddha, a seated image about eighteen inches high and of considerable weight. It had been cast of bronze and gilded, and had the traditional snail shells on its head to protect the sage from rain. The Buddha's features were fascinating in their life-like expression, and the hands were held out in the same position as those of the large Buddha, also Siamese, which stands to-day just inside Komor's. Both pose and the expression of the face suggest the words "Do not fear, I watch over you."

The owner of the figure, who was leaving the Colony to fight for his own country, asked Mr. Komor to take care of it for him during his absence, and to send it to him should he write for it.

It stood, so Mr. Komor told me, in a show case in the window for some months, and he forgot its very existence. Stocktaking time came round and, in the course of entering up the various articles in his shop, Mr. Komor came upon a Japanese figure of Buddha for which he could not account. No one remembered its purchase, but finally it was entered in the stock book.

About this time a friend of the owner of the Siamese Buddha arrived in the Colony bringing a letter which asked for the return of the image. Great was Mr. Komor's consternation which he discovered that the Siamese Buddha was not to be found. No one knew when it had been seen last, and at last he decided to send instead the Japanese Buddha which had made so mysterious an appearance among his stock.

The war being over, Mr. Komor's friend returned to Hong Kong bringing with him the Japanese image. He asked if he had indeed left his Siamese Buddha there. Mr. Komor said, yes, it had been for some months in the window, a statement which the shop assistants confirmed, and he expressed his sorrow that he was unable to find it. Greatly to his surprise his Austrian friend said that, on returning to his home, he had found the Siamese Buddha among his own collection, although he himself was convinced that he had left it in Mr. Komor's charge in Hong Kong.

The mystery of the Buddha with wings is unexplained to this day. Had it been of small dimensions the theory that the owner inadvertently put it in his pocket on leaving Mr. Komor's shop might hold water, but with a curio of that size it is hardly feasible.

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WOMAN'S PAGE (CONTD.)

SUMMER FROCKS.

A GLANCE IN LANE, CRAWFORD'S WARDROBES.

It is particularly disappointing that the weather has remained so cold now that the most delightful summery things are being shown in the shop windows. But those of us who are wise are considering a summer wardrobe despite the weather and I had a look through the new things that have arrived at Lane, Crawford's.

Very charming and smart are the voile frocks which yet have a hint of being but the first comers designed for those doubtful days when high summer is not yet here.



The close fitting cap with a sharp brim turned up is still very popular in Paris.

There is, for example, a pretty dress of brown and fawn spotted voile which is hemmed with dull brown; it has a kilted cape attached to yoke height, or perhaps I should say four small capes for it is divided back and front and under the arms. This cape is also hemmed with the brown material. A somewhat similar material in black and red is made with a white vest ornamented with pin tucks. Spots seem to be very much in the vogue and a third voile, with a cream white ground, has a pattern of red spots, which takes a bolder form on two bands trimming the skirt. A tie of the material on one shoulder and another at the waist make it a smart and practical little dress.

Handkerchief Linen.

A row of very bright and pretty frocks made of fine handkerchief. (Continued on next column).

RAIN OR SHINE.

FOR THE NURSERY FOLK.

There are, I suppose, few women, married or single, who can resist the charm of tiny garments designed for nursery folk. How men look on these matters I don't know. Powell's window was particularly intriguing when I stopped before it the other day, for almost every baby need seemed to be catered for in the garments displayed there. At the back was a workmanlike mackintosh with a son's wester to match, both a cheerful red, and inside I found a whole range of other colours, green, brown, blue, and mauve, etc.

There were dear little frocks of white poplin, smocked in colour, linen suits, and dainty coloured voile dresses. Prettiest of all perhaps were those sweet little garments designed for party or best wear. Shere French voile with coloured embroidery and appliques, white embroidered muslin and net lace trimmed, and among them were small flower like bonnets, and little shoes of white or coloured kid.

There are always pretty baby things to be found in this shop, and besides being pretty they are practical and well made; there is no baby need from underwear to coats that Powell's cannot supply.

linen pleased me because of their chic simplicity and the beautiful hand work with which they are embellished. The linen has been dyed bright clear shades, including rose pink, grass and jade green and a good turquoise blue. The frocks, of which quite stitch is hand done, are made quite simply with no sleeves and are trimmed with various designs in drawn thread work.

Lace And Net Are Fashionable.

There were also some attractive dresses of plain or embroidered net for afternoon wear. One has a wide belt of white and gold tissue, another a sash of night blue chambray. I cannot go into a more detailed description of these and there are more of them coming, but they are very worthy of your attention. lace and net are, I am told, to be fashionable this summer.

For Evening Wear.

Some charming evening dresses have arrived out on simpler lines than those designed for the winter season. One yellow georgette frock has an unusual yoke and hem of iridescent silk lace, which combines rose, green, mauve and a touch of yellow. A dress of periwinkle blue georgette is cut with a very deep plain yoke to which is attached a long princess skirt all finely pleated and made to wrap over in a way which gives an uneven hem line. A point to note about all these frocks is that the bateau neckline is coming in again.

MAN THE MARTYR.

[By LADY KITTY VINCENT.]

There is a legend that women do not feel pain as much as men, but certainly that know better than their husbands and brothers how to deal with it.

A man who is suffering from some slight ache or pain is a pathetic object and enough to upset a whole household. If he stays at home and gives himself a free day from the office it is ten to one that he will not go to bed. Oh, no! He sits huddled over the fire, shivering pathetically and resisting all efforts to better his condition.

"Go to bed, dear," says his wife, endeavouring to keep her voice kind and to hide her irritation. "I'll bring you up some nice hot soup and if you keep warm you'll be all right by to-morrow."

"Thank you, my dear," says the martyr. "I don't want to be a trouble to anybody. I can manage here very well. No, don't bother about food. I don't want to eat anything. Then he passes a hand across his aching brow and looks pathetic."

The whole household feel that it is callous to enjoy themselves or to make a noise, so they tip-toe about in a state of suppressed discomfort. Towards evening the sufferer rises from his chair and asks feebly for a thermometer. He resists all efforts to take it out of his mouth till at least five minutes have passed, and when he finds that it registers 99 degrees he gives himself up for lost.

He directs that the doctor shall be summoned and he is distinctly aggrieved when someone suggests that it is hardly worth while sending for him when a day in bed would work an instant cure. After the doctor has been and prescribed some treatment he feels better and insists upon getting up and having a bath, so that the next day he really has a temperate and probably is ill for a week.

"I can't make up my mind to give way," he says proudly to his friends when next he meets them. "Mary wouldn't believe how bad I was. I fancy I gave her a bit of a shock. But I hate being a nuisance and I carried on a bit too long."

Wonderful creatures, men!—Daily Mail.

MR. HOOVER'S HASTY WEDDING.

POLITICAL FOES REVEAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

CEREMONY PERFORMED BY ROMAN PRIEST.

WASHINGTON. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, who is looming prominently as a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, was married at Monterey, Cal., a long ago as 1899, by a Catholic priest, although Mr. Hoover is a Quaker and his bride, Miss Lou Henry, was at the time a member of the Episcopalian faith.

A good many things come up in a political campaign, but it remained for the Hoover followers to face a question regarding the religious denomination of the clergyman who performed the marriage ceremony for Mr. and Mrs. Hoover nearly thirty years ago.

Dispatches from California, printed in New York, revealed the circumstances under which Mr. and Mrs. Hoover had been married by a Catholic priest, and promptly and cheerfully admission was made at Secretary Hoover's office that such was the fact.

Mr. Hoover had been in Australia, it was explained, and came to the United States preparatory to returning to the East to accept a post in China. He reached Monterey, the home of his bride, the day before he was to sail for China, and the young couple were undecided for a time whether the ceremony should be performed or delayed until Mr. Hoover's return.

They finally determined upon an immediate marriage and departure for China. The young couple hurriedly sought a clergyman and found the Rev. Raymond Maria Mettrie, a missionary priest, who had a dispensation, like other priests in the old missions, to perform marriage ceremonies for Protestants. Father Mettrie performed a civil ceremony at the residence of Miss Henry's father and Mr. and Mrs. Hoover left the next day for the Orient.

That is the story about Mr. Hoover which unexpectedly became of political importance to-day. The question as to the religious affiliations of the officiating clergyman followed two earlier questions raised concerning Mr. Hoover's candidacy, the first calling into doubt his eligibility because of foreign residence during the war, the second calling into doubt his Republicanism on the ground that he advocated the election of a Democratic Congress to support Woodrow Wilson in 1920.

Since her marriage Mrs. Hoover has joined the Quaker religion, and she and her husband are regular worshippers in the Friends' meeting house in Washington.

"MY BEST GIRL."

MARY PICKFORD AT THE QUEEN'S.

"ALL THE WORLD'S SWEETHEART" RETURNS.

[By OUR FILM-CRITIC.]

The return of Miss Mary Pickford to the screen in what promised to be one of her familiar rôles, was a surprise to which we looked forward with somewhat mixed feelings.

Mary Pickford was the first star, and she had been acclaimed as "All the World's Sweetheart" in the days before the war. Moreover, the Mary Pickford rôle has been played until we were all heartily tired of it. For years all, or nearly all, heroines were immales in muslin frocks, with golden curls, "All the World's Sweetheart" disappeared from the screen because cinema audiences had outgrown her.

When "My Best Girl" was announced we wondered if even the imitatable, and so much imitated, Mary could resurrect the popular heroine of fifteen years ago, and, though it seemed unlikely, if Mrs. Fairbank would look still the part. But Mary Pickford did not simply because she had a pretty face; there was always a great deal more in her acting than her voluntary understudies realised; and "My Best Girl" gives us "All the World's Sweetheart" brought up-to-date. "Maggie Johnson" has the simplicity and youthful charm which we remember, but she is no longer an animated little doll. Miss Pickford very cleverly gives an illusion of youth without over much make-up.

Her "Maggie" is young because Mary feels young, not because she skips as she walks, as children are supposed to do by screen directors, or because she is aided by a wig and plenty of grease paint. The story, of course, is Mary's old one, the Cinderella story of the dear little girl who marries a prince because she is a dear little girl despite her surroundings. "Maggie Johnson" serves in a ten cent store and falls in love with the millionaire-son, Joe, who is under an assumed name working his way up from the bottom in his father's business. "Maggie" rules her home with a hand of iron disguised in the velvet glove of Cinderella-like idealism, and that provides some of the best scenes in the film. For Mary isn't selfish or she would never have become all the world's sweetheart, and her supers have good parts and play them well. One of the most delightful and humorous episodes is the joy which Maggie's family cast off her yoke when she at last marries her Prince Charming.

And the prince, he is played by Charlie Rogers, a young man, of whom we think we shall see a good deal more. He is, of course, the typical nice looking college boy who is the hero of most of the new films. We wonder if the market value of "S.A." is diminishing in Hollywood, for Mr. Rogers and his brothers cannot compare in that respect with Coleman, Cortez, Conrad Nagel, etc. At all events Mary Pickford has chosen a responsible young man to play Prince Charming for her, and he acts very well, if perhaps a shade too obviously second fiddle to Mary herself. We enjoyed "My Best Girl" for many reasons, not the least of which was its dissimilarity from the usual film of to-day. It is a pretty, restful picture, a little idealistic but in no respect crude or impossible.

AT THE "WORLD."

"THE UNDERSTANDING HEART."

Admirers of Peter B. Kynes, works should not miss the screen version of his story which is now being shown at the World Theatre. "The Understanding Heart" was first published as a serial story in the Hearst International Cosmopolitan Magazine, and later appeared in book form. It deals with the Rangers in the Far West of America and is totally devoid of the usual film of to-day. The film has followed the story closely and the forest fire is exceeding realistic. Joan Crawford takes the part of lonely Monica Dale and is well supported by the rest of the cast.

THE MARRIAGE HABIT.

WOMAN'S SEVENTH VENTURE AT AGE OF 74.

Outside Hollywood few can claim to have ventured into matrimony for the seventh time, but that is the experience of a former Manchester woman, Mrs. Clara Mynette, of Ribblesdale, Blackpool, who on St. Valentine's Day at the age of 74 married again after being widowed six times. The bridegroom was Mr. John Mynette, aged 84, an agricultural worker of Ribblesdale, Blackpool, whose third marriage it was, he having been a widower twice.

"I have been very fortunate, as all of my husbands have been good men, but unfortunately I have lost them through illness," declared Mrs. Mynette in an interview. "I am hoping to live happily with Mr. Mynette for several years."

BEBE DANIELS INJURED.

UNCONSCIOUS AFTER A LOVE SCENE MISHAP.

New York, Feb. 18th. Miss Bebe Daniels, the famous cinema star, was injured yesterday while acting in a love scene for a new film in an imitation Pullman sleeping-car on Arroyo-boulevard, Pasadena.

The "car" was constructed on the rear of a heavy motor-lorry, which travelled along the boulevard followed by photographers taking pictures. Miss Daniels' love-making truck was passing beneath the low branches of a tree when a heavy limb struck the top of the lorry, crumpling the "Pullman car."

Mr. James Hall, the leading man, was thrown out and fractured his right wrist.

Miss Daniels was pinned beneath the wreckage and was unconscious when extricated.

PROHIBITION IN AMERICA.

"A SUCCESS, JUDGED BY EVERY TEST."

"As one who has more than a nodding acquaintance with America, I declare that, judged by every test which can be applied, prohibition in that country has been a success," said Mr. Gerald France, at a luncheon, at the Holborn Restaurant, of the National Commercial Temperance League, of which he is national president.

It had turned unproductive expenditure into industrial productiveness, and had made thousands of homes better, healthier, happier and more satisfactory in every way than they were before its introduction.

Among the guests were the Sheriffs of the City of London, the mayors of several of the metropolitan boroughs, Sir Herbert Ormond (chairman of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade), and Mr. Patrick Howling, secretary of the National Chamber of Trade.

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New York	4.87 37/32
Brussels	35
Geneva	23 1/2
Amsterdam	12 1/2
Milan	92 3/4
Berlin	20 1/2
Stockholm	18 1/2
Copenhagen	18 3/4
Oslo	18 3/4
Vienna	34 3/4
Prague	164 1/2
Helsinki	163 1/2
Madrid	20 3/4
Lisbon	2 1/2 1/2
Athens	38 1/2
Bucharest	78 1/2
Rio	5.59 3/4
Buenos Aires	47.39 3/4
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Shanghai	2/4 1/2
Hong Kong	1/11 1/2
Yokohama	1/11 1/2
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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 16th.

Previous Day	On Date	On Date
at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer... 30.13	30.70	30.15
Temperature... 60	50	80
Humidity... 73	99	79
Wind... E	NW	East
Force... 3	1	2
Weather... 0	OD	0
Rain... 0.01	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air temperature, 14th: 91		
Lowest open-air temperature, 16th: 59		
B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Mist; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.		

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 14th to 22nd, 1928.

High Water	Low Water
Time	Time
Mar. 16	Mar. 16
10.45	5.10
11.45	6.10
12.45	7.10
13.45	8.10
14.45	9.10
15.45	10.10
16.45	11.10
17.45	12.10
18.45	1.10
19.45	2.10
20.45	3.10
21.45	4.10
22.45	5.10

NEW BRITISH PLAN TO FIX EASTER.

CONFERENCE OF ALL THE
NATIONS.
COMMONS DEBATE.

An international conference to consider fixing the date of Easter, will probably be called by Sir Austen Chamberlain.

This is a result of an important decision taken by the House of Commons on February 17th.

Easter Day at present dodges about through thirty-five days of the calendar year, but the House of Commons agreed without a division to the Stabilisation of Easter Bill, which fixes Easter definitely on the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April.

"If the House passes the Bill," said Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, "the Government will regard it as an intimation to proceed with various inquiries. I could then ask the Foreign Secretary to summon a conference of the great commercial nations."

The Bill was introduced by Captain Bourne, the latest of a long succession of private members to try their luck with it in the ballot. He said it would be an inestimable advantage to all the railway companies in Europe, and that all educational authorities approved it.

Churchman's Protest.

Sir Henry Stesler, who opposed it as a high Churchman, objected to changing the date of a religious festival which had lasted for 1,600 years. He feared divergencies in the different Churches in the celebration of Easter, and abhorred the thought of a religious festival proceeding when trade was going on.

Mr. Merriman, K.C., based his opposition on the mundane consideration of weather. Since the war, he said, we had better weather at the Easter weekend than we should have under the provisions of the Bill. For eight years the rainfall at Kew at the Easter weekend was only half an inch, whereas

OUR WANDERING EASTER.

Easter is at present the first Sunday after the full moon, which happens on or near after March 21st. It may thus occur any time between March 22nd and April 25th.

Easter this year falls on April 6th. Other dates in recent years have been:—
1923..... April 1st.
1924..... April 20th.
1925..... April 12th.
1926..... April 19th.
1927..... April 17th.

for the week-end under the Bill it was two and three-quarter inches. At Brighton during the same period the rainfall at Easter was just over half an inch, compared with more than four inches for the week-end proposed under the Bill. He attributed the fine weather to the fact that the Easter week-end now followed the April moon.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks, who gave the Bill his personal approval, said that support for it had been drifting into the House Office from chambers of commerce, the Federation of British Industries, bankers, shippers, mine-owners, the Corporation of Lloyd's, and other commercial bodies.

"There we have a complete consensus of commercial opinion," he said. Sir William suggested the inclusion in the Bill of a clause providing that Parliament should pass a resolution before an Order in Council fixing the date of Easter was made. This will give Parliament a further chance to discuss the proposal after approaches have been made to the See of Rome and to other Governments.

On this understanding Sir Henry Stesler withdrew his amendment to reject the Bill, and it was read a second time without a division.

SKIRT TOO SHORT.

GIRL TOLD TO STAND OR GET OFF TRAM.

SHEFFIELD, Feb. 2nd. A girl of about 30 riding in a Sheffield tram-car from Malhouse to the city to-night found herself offered the choice of standing up or getting off because her skirt was too short.

Her skirt was shorter than most worn to-day, and two women sitting opposite her apparently made complaint about it to the conductor. He approached the girl, and after saying something about her skirt told her either to stand up or get off. She got off.

There is a by-law in existence which gives power to tramway officials to ask people to leave cars if their dress or behaviour is likely to cause offence.

MR. MITCHELL HEDGES.

'LIBEL ACTION LOST.'

LORD HEWART'S STRONG
COMMENTS.

A verdict for the defendants was given in the action of damages for alleged libel brought against London Express Newspapers, Limited, by Mr. Frederick Albert Mitchell Hedges, the explorer, of Bridge House, Sandbanks, near Bournemouth.

Mr. Hedges complained of articles that appeared in their newspaper in January 1927 that stated that he was the participant in a hoax for the purpose of publicity. The hoax, it was said, consisted of a pre-arranged "hold-up" of Mr. Hedges and his companion, Mr. Colin Edgell, while they were motoring to Mr. Hedges's home late on the night of January 14th, 1927, by a number of young men. Mr. Hedges denied that he was a willing party to the hold-up.

The defence was a plea of justification. Addressing the jury finally for the defendants, Mr. W. A. Jowitt, K.C., said that the one little gleam of pluck they had seen in the case appeared when Mr. Shaw (one of the young men who participated in the hold-up) and gave evidence for the defence went into the witness-box. It required a man of some courage who, having given an untrue statement to the other side, afterwards came forward to speak the truth, and stated that Mr. Hedges was forsworn of the hold-up. Mr. Jowitt suggested that Mr. Hedges and Mr. Edgell had given evidence that was absolutely untrue.

Mr. Hedges's Qualities.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., for the plaintiff, referred the jury to what he called the "calculated insolence" of the defendants and the "degraded form" of the cross-examination to which Mr. Hedges had been subjected. Sir Patrick said the newspaper had, through their counsel, boasted that whether Mr. Hedges won his case or not they had ruined him.

Mr. Hedges had been called a liar by a newspaper that was friendly to him when it wanted him, but which, when he started a fight against it, raked up all the bad things that could be suggested against him. The British Museum, Sir Patrick said, was better able to judge of the qualities of Mr. Hedges than was Mr. Blumenthal in his control of this newspaper.

Cheap Advertisement.

Lord Hewart, summing up, said it was common ground that some persons put their heads together to get an advertisement for Monomarks, and the scheme was that a person whose name would attract some attention should appear to be waylaid on the highway and that his bag containing valuables should disappear. After the incident had received the necessary publicity the bag was to be recovered by reason of the monomark attached to it. It was nothing more or less than a prank for a cheap advertisement that people, when they understood it, merely shrugged their shoulders at.

"It would not have been surprising," proceeded his lordship, "if, when you had heard the evidence Mr. Hedges gave in the box, you (the jury) had intimated that you were of opinion that he was in the hoax."

Lord Hewart observed that after Mr. Hedges's name there appeared letters indicating his association with a number of well-known learned societies. "You may think," he remarked, "that it is intolerable that societies calling themselves learned should, for a payment of a small contribution annually, be prepared to confer on any person what ought to be the honorific title of 'fellow.' And, when you see on the title page of a book or a menu card at a dinner an enumeration of such letters, obtained in the circumstances, you might think he must be an impostor or he would not have put them there."

Without leaving the box the jury found for the defendants, and judgment was entered accordingly, with costs.

Mr. Hilary Colin Edgell did not proceed with his claim against the newspaper and it was dismissed without costs.

ARRESTS AT MR. HEDGES'S FLAT.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN £1,000.

Arrested in the flat of Mr. Mitchell Hedges at Savoy-court, Strand, the night, Frederick George Arnold, aged 26, of Tachbrook-street, Pimlico, S.W., and James Macellan, aged 28, civil engineer, of Dennington Park-road, West Hampstead, N.W., appeared at Bow-street Police Court charged with attempting to obtain £1,000 from Mr. Hedges by false pretences.

Detective-Inspector Canning, of Scotland Yard, said that at 11.30 p.m. on Monday, he with three other police officers and Mr. Mitchell Hedges, was at Savoy-court when there was a knock at the door. It was opened by Mr. Mitchell Hedges, and his (Inspector Canning) heard him say: "Come in, Mr. Arnold. Arnold then went into the sitting-room."

A CLERK'S LAPSE.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
DEAFTRADED.

SENTENCE OF THREE MONTHS'
IMPRISONMENT.

Pan Tat Shing, a young Chinese clerk attached to Queen's College was yesterday sentenced to three months' hard labour by Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy.

He was charged with obtaining \$350 from the Education Department by false pretences. Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for his defence and Mr. C. G. Perdue, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, conducted the case for the prosecution.

In pleading guilty, Mr. d'Almada said that although there were six charges against him, he was only charged with three which the defendant had to answer, the others being alternative charges.

The defendant, said Mr. d'Almada, was a student at Queen's College before he was taken on as a clerk. He had a good record and was very penitent for the offence he had committed. It was also urged on defendant's behalf that restitution had been made and Mr. d'Almada asked that he should be dealt with leniently and given the option of a fine. Defending solicitor said that he had seen Mr. Perdue and he was given to understand that the latter would not press the charge.

Mr. Perdue agreed that the money had been restituted and while he was willing not to press the charge, he would like to point out that the offence was a very serious one. The defendant had actually used a false chop on a carpenter's receipt against which the money was paid. This was not done on one solitary occasion, but defendant had used the same chop on three different transactions.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to one month's hard labour on each count, making the sentence three months altogether.

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WEEKLY SAILING BETWEEN
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The Columbia Pacific Shipping Company announces that they have been appointed General Agents in the Orient for the Tacoma Oriental Steamship Company and that the first sailing from Hong Kong will be the *s.s. West Hamood* on May 24th for Hong Kong and the Philippine Islands and that thereafter a regular monthly sailing from Hong Kong direct to San Francisco, thence to Puget Sound ports, will be maintained.

It was announced recently that the Columbia Pacific Shipping Company have purchased the eleven vessels operated in the Oregon Oriental Line service, from the United States Shipping Board, and that they have also been appointed General Agents of the Oceanic & Oriental Navigation Company who have bought the ships operated in the American-Australian-Bent Line.

By the acquisition of these agencies, the Columbia Pacific Shipping Company will be able to maintain a regular weekly sailing from Hong Kong direct for San Francisco, fortnightly to Portland, Ore., and monthly to Los Angeles and Puget Sound ports.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK WINS CHESS TOURNAMENT.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., has won the Colony Chess Championship tournament promoted by the Kowloon Chess Club. He has won ten matches out of eleven, losing only to C. M. Sequeira (holder, 1926 and 1927). Sequeira and D. E. Carvalho, who have to meet each other for the position of runner-up, have each lost two matches.

other police officers and Mr. Mitchell Hedges, was at Savoy-court when there was a knock at the door. It was opened by Mr. Mitchell Hedges, and his (Inspector Canning) heard him say: "Come in, Mr. Arnold. Arnold then went into the sitting-room."

A little later all four officers entered the room. He said to the men: "I am a police officer, and in consequence of what has been told to me about your visit to Mr. Mitchell Hedges's rooms on Sunday afternoon, and of your call here to-night, and the proposals you have put forward to Mr. Mitchell Hedges that you are in a position to influence the jury in this case in order that a favourable verdict may be given on condition that he pays the sum of £1,000, you will now be arrested and charged with attempting to obtain £1,000 by false pretences."

Detective-Inspector Canning added that the men made no reply and were taken to Bow-street and charged. Both men were remanded, the magistrate fixing bail in two sureties of £250 each.



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TJISALAK	AMOT & N. C.	26th	28th	BATAVIA
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	28th	31st	AMOT, S'RAK, K'LONG
TJISONDARI	S'RAK, K'LONG, & AMOT	2nd Apr.	4th	BATAVIA
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PORTUGUESE CURRENCY.

ESCUDOS DECLINE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 14th.

A feature of the exchange market is the continued offering of Portuguese escudos, presumably on disappointment at the failure of the loan negotiations. The rate fell to under two pence.

AMERICA'S POPULATION.

ESTIMATED TO BE OVER

120 MILLION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 14th.

Although the next Federal census does not occur before 1930, the Census Bureau estimates that the population of the United States on July 1st will be 120,000,000, an increase of 14 per cent. over the census of 1920.

Florida shows the largest gain.

THE CEYLON RAILWAY COLLISION.

TWENTY-SIX FATALITIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Colombo, March 14th.

In the Ceylon railway disaster, when the Galle-Colombo express was involved in a head-on collision with a passenger train, several carriages were telescoped. Twenty-six victims have since died, while a great many more suffered injuries.

HINKLER'S SPLENDID RE- CEPTION AT CANBERRA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Canberra, March 14th.

Captain Bert Hinkler, the hero of the historic single-handed flight from Oryndon, N.Z., to Australia, in fifteen days, flew to Canberra to-day, and was received a tumultuous reception by a huge crowd.

Mr. Bruce welcomed the famous aviator and presented him with a cheque for £2,000 on behalf of the Australian Commonwealth Government.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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HANKOW, YOKOHAMA & HONGKONG	"TEAN"	On 16th Mar.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 17th Mar.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEW CHWANG & DALRY	"NEWCHOWANG"	On 18th Mar.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 18th Mar.	Noon
HONGKONG & BANGKOK	"CHINGHUA"	On 18th Mar.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & BANGKOK	"ANHUI"	On 19th Mar.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZECHUEN"	On 19th Mar.	6 p.m.
SHANGHAI & BANGKOK	"HUPSH"	On 21st Mar.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ICHANG"	On 22nd Mar.	8 a.m.
WUHAIR, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 23rd Mar.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 24th Mar.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ANKING"	On 25th Mar.	9 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 25th Mar.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEW CHWANG & DALRY	"KANCHOW"	On 25th Mar.	Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 26th Mar.	6 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ANTUNG"	On 1st Apr.	9 a.m.
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From Dunkirk, Antwerp, London	CAPT. FAURE (Cargo)	31st Apr.
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Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS	PASSENGERS	A SHIP THAT BEATS A TRAIN
<p>March 14th.</p> <p>Cheung On, Chinese str., 345 tons, Capt. Fung Chi, from Shanghai, with general cargo and pigs, lying at Kwong Wing Wharf—Hong Hing S.S. Co.</p> <p>Ichang, British str., 1,398 tons, Capt. F. J. Green, from Saigon, which port she left on March 10th, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C41—B. & S.</p> <p>Scher, German str., 5,120 tons, Capt. K. Grahoff, from Antwerp and Singapore, the latter port she left on March 8th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Jensen & Co.</p> <p>Song Bo, French str., 720 tons, Capt. J. Bounamour, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42—M.M.</p> <p>Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Lo Sau, from Antau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.</p> <p>March 15th.</p> <p>Chak Sang, British str., 1,247 tons, Capt. J. V. Bishop, from Shanghai and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.</p> <p>Cheng Lee, Chinese str., 838 tons, Capt. K. Katsushima, from Singapore, which port she left on March 8th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39—Shun Tai Hong.</p> <p>Clara Jensen, Danish str., 1,143 tons, Capt. J. Davidson, from Bangkok, which port she left on March 7th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37—Khoo Sing.</p> <p>Cremor, Dutch motor ship, 2,784 tons, Capt. G. J. Harmsen, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—J.C.I.L.</p> <p>Empress of Asia, British str., 8,783 tons, Capt. A. J. Hayley, from Vancouver, via Japan and Shanghai. The last mentioned port she left on March 13th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—C.P.R.</p> <p>Engle, Chinese str., 883 tons, Capt. H. Maki, from Dairen, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39—Yue Tai Hong.</p> <p>Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 118 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co.</p> <p>Manua, British str., 5,833 tons, Capt. G. G. Randall, from London and Singapore. The latter port she left on March 10th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—P. & O.</p> <p>Selena, Dutch str., 2,574 tons, Capt. W. Zeylmaier, from Shanghai, which port she left on March 11th, lying at Kowloon Wharf—A.P.C.</p> <p>Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,305 tons, Capt. H. Takao, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14—N.Y.K.</p> <p>Taisei Maru, Japanese str., 1,984 tons, Capt. M. Masuda, from Keelung, which port she left on March 12th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C38—M.B.K.</p> <p>Tean, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt. E. H. Histed, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B21—B. & S.</p> <p>Yehime Maru, Japanese str., 3,397 tons, Capt. Katayama, from Calcutta, lying at buoy No. A26—Y.M.K.</p>	<p>Arrivals.</p> <p>Per s.s. Empress of Asia, on March 15th, for Hong Kong:—Miss M. B. Ivanson, Mr. M. A. A. Macintosh, Mrs. I. Millbank, Miss Z. Millbank, Mr. W. W. Near, Mr. K. D. Bayne, Mr. F. W. Wise, Mr. W. F. K. 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W. Yau, Mr. C. P. and Mrs. Jan, Mr. S. K. King, Mr. K. M. Lam, Mr. S. K. Lee, Mr. O. B. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. H. C. Leung, Mr. P. Z. Liu, Mr. C. Lam, Mr. C. Y. Ma, Mr. K. Ma, Mr. Y. S. Mok, Mr. M. K. Dung, Mr. C. B. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. B. O. Sha, Mr. K. Lau, Mr. B. C. and Mrs. Wong, Mr. M. C. Warren, Mr. P. S. Wei, Mr. H. Yuen.</p>	<p>FOR SINGAPORE-PENANG SERVICE.</p> <p>In order to expedite travel between Penang and Singapore, a new twin-screw steamer, the <i>Kedah</i>, has recently been built at Barrow-in-Furness to the order of the Straits Steamship Co., one of the associated companies of Alfred Holt & Co., Ltd., of Liverpool. Indeed, the raked stem, which is a feature of Holt's Blue Funnel ships is apparent at once in the new vessel. Fully loaded, the 18 knots service speed of the <i>Kedah</i> will enable her to do the Penang-Singapore run in about 91 hours, which is shorter than the train journey. 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SHIP	DATE	TIME
Chak Sang, for Canton.	16th March	13th April
Cheung On, for Shanghai.	16th March	13th April
Chi Ping, for Hongkong.	16th March	13th April
Chitong, for Samarinda.	16th March	13th April
Cremor, for Singapore.	16th March	13th April
Ekstrand, for Hongkong.	16th March	13th April
Eng Lee, for Whampoa.	16th March	13th April
Hydrangea, for Samarinda.	16th March	13th April
Hydrangea, for Swatow.	16th March	13th April
Japan Arrow, for Fochow.	16th March	13th April
Eng Lee, for Whampoa.	16th March	13th April
Manua, for Shanghai.	16th March	13th April
Ningpo, for Shanghai.	16th March	13th April
Shiu Hing, for Macao.	16th March	13th April
Scher, for Shanghai.	16th March	13th April
Sungshan Maru, for Canton.	16th March	13th April
Taisei Maru, for Saigon.	16th March	13th April
Taisei Maru, for Whampoa.	16th March	13th April
Tean, for Hongkong.	16th March	13th April

NEW WARSHIPS' NAMES.

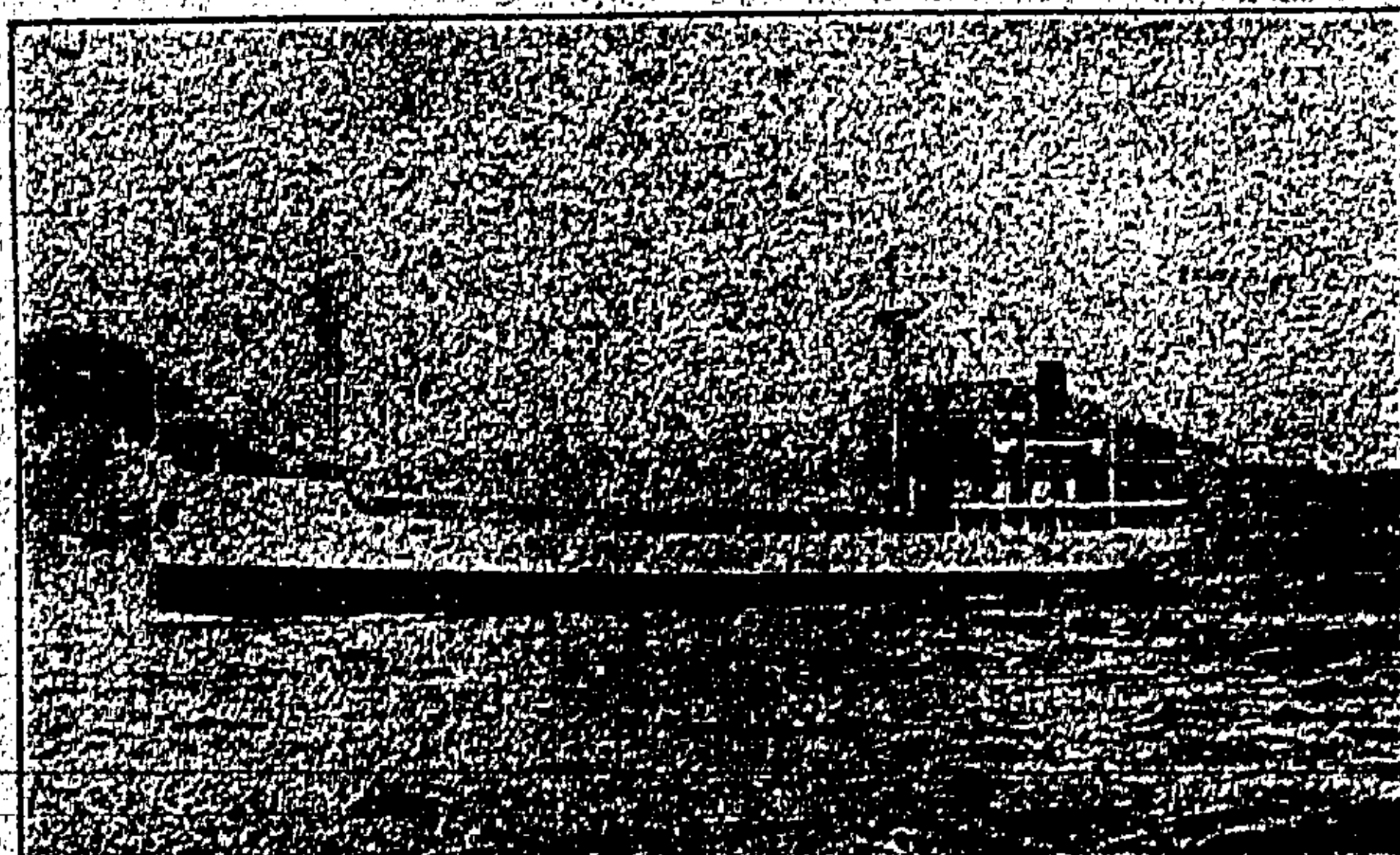
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SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
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Sunday	6.30 "	6.23 "

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TO	STEAMSHIP	DATE
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YOKOHAMA via MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Wed., 4th Apr., at 7 a.m.
ORAKA via AMOI, SHAL MOI & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Wed., 21st Mar., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWAISANG"	Tues., 20th Mar., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"ROSANG"	Fri., 23rd Mar., at 3 p.m.
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LOW CARGOES IMPORTED.

NORMAL THROUGH FREIGHTS.

Although nineteen arrivals and twenty-two departures were recorded at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the general cargoes for the Colony were low. Through freights, however, remained normal. The total amount of general merchandise for Hong Kong amounted only to 5,375 tons, of which seven British vessels contributed 3,887 tons. The two best returns were from British vessels. The s.s. *Lehang* from Saigon discharged 2,100 tons of rice, and the *Manitow* had 614 tons of general cargo from Southampton and Singapore.

Through freights remained normal and amounted to 14,572 tons, of which four British vessels contributed 1,663 tons. The two best carriers were the s.s. *Scheer* (German) with 9,240 tons from Antwerp and Singapore, and the *Eng Lee* (Chinese) with 1,600 tons of general cargo from Dairen.

The arrivals and departures recorded at the Harbour Office for the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	9	4
Japanese	1	0
Chinese	1	0
Dutch	2	2
French	1	2
German	1	0
Total	19	22

VESSLS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Change, April 6th.

Taipan, May 11th.

Bank Line.

City of Durham, to-day.

City of Dunkirk, to-morrow.

City of Bombay, April 10th.

City of Eastbourne, April 11th.

City of Cardiff, April 14th.

City of Southampton, May 4th.

City of Chester, May 12th.

City of London, May 15th.

City of Cardiff, June 9th.

City of London, June 22nd.

City of London, July 7th.

Ben Line.

Benavon, March 18th.

British-India and Apecar Line.

Talpa, March 18th.

Sandhya, March 18th.

Takliwa, March 21st.

Takada, March 21st.

Shirata, March 23rd.

Tilamba, April 18th.

Doddwell & Co.

Bolton Castle, March 25th.

Venezia, March 29th.

Toledo, April 19th.

Dollar Steamship Line.

President Lincoln, March 18th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Afrika, April 6th.

Malaya, April 27th.

Danmark, May 26th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, March 28th.

Amfura, April 2nd.

Tanda, May 7th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Tyndarus, Mar. 18th.

Rheus, March 20th.

Telesius, March 20th.

Eurylochus, March 21st.

Menelaus, March 28th.

Automedon, April 1st.

Patroclus, April 1st.

Proteus, April 10th.

Phenius, April 11th.

Agapenor, April 15th.

Enlight, April 22nd.

Orestes, April 22nd.

Diomed, April 28th.

Talthybius, May 1st.

Antenor, May 3rd.

Meriones, May 9th.

Adriatus, May 10th.

Teucer, May 22nd.

Pereus, May 25th.

Pyrrhus, May 30th.

Hector, May 31st.

Aeneas, June 27th.

Lycan, July 25th.

Sarpedon, July 25th.

Glen Line.

Glenavoy, March 22nd.

Glenfara, April 7th.

Glenahol, April 13th.

Glenavonshire, April 25th.

Glenbeg, May 11th.

Hamburg-America Line and Hugo Simmes Linie.

Saarland, to-day.

Resolute, March 28th.

Carl Legien, March 30th.

Adolf von Baeyer, April 3rd.

Preuss, April 18th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjiboda, March 18th.

Tjinarosa, March 18th.

Tjilalak, March 26th.

Tjitarosa, March 26th.

Tjitenbang, March 26th.

Tjiondari, April 2nd.

Tjileboet, April 9th.

Tjimonock, April 12th.

Tjitarang, April 12th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Aki Maru, to-day.

Fushimi Maru, March 18th.

Tango Maru, March 20th.

Kashima Maru, March 23rd.

Maybashi Maru, March 25th.

Tengo Maru, March 27th.

Nagayo Maru, March 30th.

Dokuyo Maru, April 5th.

Kakono Maru, April 6th.

Korea Maru, April 10th.

Lima Maru, April 11th.

Toba Maru, April 11th.

Suwa Maru, April 20th.

Aki Maru, April 24th.

Fushimi Maru, May 4th.

Hakata Maru, May 6th.

Kanagawa Maru, May 9th.

Toyoko Maru, May 13th.

Mishima Maru, May 22nd.

Wakasa Maru, June 6th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Kashmir, to-day.

Nagpure, to-day.

Lahore, March 23rd.

Morea, Mar. 29th.

Kashgar, April 12th.

Jeypore, April 13th.

Malacca, April 26th.

Novara, May 10th.

Delta, May 10th.

Ranpura, May 24th.

Kankra, June 4th.

Kyber, June 7th.

Benapindi, June 21st.

Kashmir, July 6th.

Rajputana, July 18th.

Kalyan, August 2nd.

Messageries Maritimes.

D.P. Benoit, Mar. 24th.

Andre Lebon, Mar. 27th.

Portier, March 27th.

Chenoucau, April 10th.

Capt. Fournier, April 21st.

Atlas II, April 21st.

D'Aringuan, May 8th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

BOTTOM CLEANING.

(BY LONGSHOREMEN.)

The Macao steamer *Sui Tai* was taken in hand at the Taikoo Docks yesterday morning for bottom cleaning; consequently there was no late sailing for Macao yesterday. She will resume her place on the run to-day.

Bad Weather.

Bad weather, with heavy gales and high seas are reported by most vessels arriving in the Colony yesterday morning.

Death From Beri-Beri.

The master of the s.s. *Anhui* (British) arriving here from Singapore and Amoy reports the death of one Chinese deck passenger from beri-beri. The deceased was buried at sea.

Temporary Light.

The master also reports that the light at Breakers Point was showing every two minutes instead of occulting. It is understood that the light seen by the *Anhui* is a temporary one in place of the usual occulting light.

Engine Trouble.

The s.s. *Apocry* (British) returned to Hong Kong yesterday on account of engine and steering gear trouble experienced at sea. The vessel put into Taikoo Dock for repairs.

"Hoi Cheong" At Canton.

The s.s. *Hoi Cheong* which was reported to have been pirated a few days ago is now berthed at Canton. She was accompanied to port by a Chinese gun boat.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday totalled 2,574. They were carried by seven steamers, of which the *Cremor* (Dutch) arriving from Amoy and Swatow contributed 1,694.

WARSHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following were the warships and auxiliaries in Harbour yesterday:—

North Wall Basin, *Flagpole*, *Ironclad*, South Wall Basin, *Moth*, *Seamew*, *Onslaught*; East Wall Basin, *Quaker*, *S/Ms.*; North Wall Basin, *Corporal*, *Sirder*, *Somme*, *Magdalen*; West Wall Dock, *Peterfeld*; No. 1 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 2 Buoy, *Herald*; No. 3 Buoy, *Cumberland*; No. 4 Buoy, *Bluebell*; No. 5 Buoy, *Titan* and *S/Ms.*; No. 6 Buoy, *Ambrise* and *S/Ms.*; No. 7 Buoy, *Alarion*; No. 8 Buoy, *Ruthenia*; No. 9 Buoy, *Serpis*; No. 10 Buoy, *Khark*; Kowloon Anchorage, *Belgo*, *Francis*, *Portol*. Foreign Men of War—U.S.S. *Ashcroft*; Portuguese, *Pero De Alencar*; Patria; Italian, *Sebastian*; Cuboto; French, *Argus*, *Belatrix*.

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